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MP quits Centre Forward group as Thatcher comes under fire

Pym pours scorn on 'government by slogan'

By James Naughtie
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Francis Pym last night launched his dissident Conservative Centre Forward group with the accusation that the Prime Minister was leading a government sustained only by slogans.

He told an Oxford meeting that the group was not a gathering of doubters on the fringe, but a mainstream effort to reclaim the Government for traditional Toryism.

"We do not feel disloyal," he said. His concern was to change policies which were failing to produce results once promised to the electorate.

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However, even as he spoke at the much advertised launching of his new group, Mr Tony Baldry, MP for Banbury, withdrew from the group, apparently because of unhappiness at the image of dissent.

But Mr Pym, who was sacked as Foreign Secretary by Mrs Thatcher, savagely attacked what he considers the failings of the Government, directing his fire directly at the Prime Minister.

He said: "I admire fixity of purpose. I admire conviction in one's own beliefs. But there comes a point when intellectual certainty becomes damaging if its flies in the face of the evidence."

He accused Mrs Thatcher—though not by name—of meeting reasoned argument with slogans. They included the statements that government "mustn't borrow" that there was a danger of the "corporate state" and that if anyone suggested spending money it meant "inflation."

Mr Pyms said: "these slogans are an insult to the intelligence of the nation and, for that matter, an insult to the intelligence of the government itself."

His attack went to the heart of the government economic policy, as he argued that there should be more public investment to reduce unemployment and that there should be increased borrowing to finance new investment in both the public and the private sector.

This investment, he said, would not be inflationary if it was used on projects which could improve Britain's economic performance.

He rejected outright the notion that competitiveness had been improved by Mrs Thatcher's policies. Only Italy of the seven nations present at this month's Bonn economic summit had a worse record on unemployment and competitiveness than Britain.

Mr Pym said that recent developments could not be credibly presented as a sustained recovery. The intention of Centre Forward was to achieve the objectives which Mrs Thatcher had set at the beginning of her premiership, but had now manifestly failed to reach.

There is deep scepticism among Tory MPs about the likely impact of the group. From Downing Street there has been a predictable derisive reaction and a more-or-less public challenge to Mr Pym to make manifest his disaffection by a proper show of dissent in the Commons lobbies.

Among mainstream Tories there is a natural reluctance to believe that a new phase of opposition to Mrs Thatcher has begun until it shows itself in direct challenge on specific policies.

The first test for the new group is likely to come when the green paper on Mr Norman Fowler's social security review is produced next month.

Child benefit, in particular, has always been one of the wets' great causes and they will be expected to rally against any proposal to freeze or reduce its real value.

Mr Pym was at pains last night in his speech to the Oxford University Law Society to argue that he was a mainstream Conservative sharing much common ground with the Government. The argument was about means rather than ends.

But he challenged directly the claims which are at the heart of the government's response to its critics.

On the unemployment figures he said: "Tom King [the Employment Secretary]

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Placing blame not my task, says judge

By Malcolm Pithers

MR Justice Popplewell, who is to head the inquiry into the Bradford fire disaster, walked among the ruins of the soccer club's stand yesterday, shaking his head seemingly in disbelief at what had happened.

The 57-year-old High Court judge, who was escorted around the Valley Parade ground by senior police, fire officers, and club officials,

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paused by the many wreaths and flowers which had been placed near the turnstiles where many of the victims perished.

He said he was horrified by what he had seen of this "dreadful event." Moments before he arrived at the ground in pouring rain people had walked to the club to lay the wreaths.

One vase placed on a charred turnstile carried the message: "To Richard and Robert Ormandroyd and their dad."

The world outside Bradford is also responding; the disaster appeal being run jointly by Bradford council, the Telegraph and Argus evening paper, and Pennine Radio, is likely to exceed £200,000 by this morning. A London businessman yesterday sent an anonymous £20,000 donation.

On the judge's tour yesterday there was still an acrid smell of burnt timber as he walked down on to the pitch to look at the spot in G section where the fire began last Saturday.

Later he told a press conference that he was in Bradford to familiarise himself with the club and talk to people concerned. It had not been decided when the inquiry would start, but it would be public, and in Bradford.

He would look first at the immediate issue of what happened at Bradford and then at problems relating to all soccer grounds.

Mr Justice Popplewell said that the inquiry was to establish the facts and not to apportion blame and he

The inquiry would also consider matters dealt with in letters sent to the club from various authorities.

It is thought that the judge will have an interim report ready by the start of the new season in August. Sittings are not likely to being until the immediate police inquiry has been completed.

Mr John Domaille, West Yorkshire's assistant chief constable, said yesterday that 22 of the victims had been positively identified. Nineteen were male, including three children, and three female.

Names would be passed on to the coroner and would not be released.

Police are still trying to trace all those who had been sitting in the G section, in particular those in I to Q seats numbered 141 to 151.

GRIM EVIDENCE: Mr Justice Popplewell (right) with Bradford City's chairman Stafford Heginbotham and a police officer beside the ruined stand at Valley Parade. Picture by Don McPhee

Talks fail to resolve Geneva deadlock

From Hella Pick in Vienna

A six-hour meeting between Mr George Shultz the US Secretary of State and Mr Andrei Gromyko the Soviet Foreign Minister, has apparently failed yesterday to resolve the deadlock in the Geneva arms talks or to set a date for a US Soviet summit.

Both sides described the talks as useful but, a Soviet spokesman, Mr Vladimir Lomeiko said that Mr Gromyko had alleged that the United States had not respected the terms of reference for arms negotiations which had been agreed upon in Geneva in January.

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Mr Lomeiko said, "One of the principal reasons for international tension is that certain circles were seeking to impose their will on other countries and involve themselves in their internal affairs. This is the cause of tension in Central America and the Middle East as well as in other parts of the world."

The spokesman said that only "strict respect" for the goals of preventing a race in space weapons and abolishng nuclear weapons on earth offer any prospect of progress.

Mr Shultz made a v[illegible]ief statement outside the Soviet embassy at the end of the talks. He confirmed that they had concentrated on the issues raised by the Geneva arms control talks, and that they had also gone over "bilateral issues where some progress can be made."

The Secretary of State confirmed that he had once again raised human rights issues, but Mr Lomeiko made clear that he had immediately rebuffed all references to Professor Sakharov and other human rights cases, stressing that the American interest was interpreted in Moscow as "intervention in internal affairs."

Tamil attack kills eighty

From Eric Silver in New Delhi and Roland Edrisinghe in Colombo

Sri Lankan Tamil terrorists shot dead more than 80 men, women and children, including five Buddhist nuns, yesterday in a raid on the ancient Sinhalese capital of Anuradhapura. Another 100 were wounded.

It was the Tamils' biggest and most provocative massacre of civilians, carrying their separatist campaign out of the traditional Tamil heartland of the Northern and Eastern Provinces.

The Government appealed to the Sinhalese majority in the south not to retaliate against innocent Tamils, but the island's already fragile unity now faces its most severe test since the slaughter of 400 Tamils in July, 1983.

The assailants drove into Anuradhapura, a centre of Buddhist pilgrimage and capital of the North-Central Province, in two buses at about 8.30 am and sprayed the bus station with bullets for half an hour. A government spokesman in Colombo said that most of the victims were Sinhalese, the rest Muslims.

The gunmen, identified as belonging to the Liberation Tigers, the most active guerrilla group, then turned their fire on pilgrims praying at Sri Lanka's holiest Buddhist shrine, a 2,200-year-old tree grown from the tree under which Buddha achieved his enlightenment.

They drove south-west down the main road towards the fishing port of Puttalam, killing five game wardens in the Wilpattu National Park and wounding a police constable.

Official sources in Colombo condemned the massacre as "unparallelled in recent times". It was clearly calculated to inflict the maximum damage on the already slender prospects of a negotiated settlement to the conflict, touching the Sinhalese on their most sensitive spot — their feeling of defending "authentic" Buddhism against Hindu encroachment.

The various guerrilla groups have been threatening for some weeks to take the battle to the south. One of their leaders, Mr K. Umamaheswaran, the secretary-general of the Marxist People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, has been in Delhi this week, lobbying politicians, diplomats and journalists. The Indian Government is understood to have urged *him not to extend* the war to the predominantly Sinhalese areas.

President Junius Jayewardene's special envoy, Mr Esmond Wickremasinghe, is due to meet the Prime Minister Mr Rajiv Gandhi, in Delhi today. After Anuradhapura he is expected to press the Indians more urgently than ever to restrict the terrorists' freedom of operation from their bases in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Notts rebel refuses to accept 'narrow' sacking verdict at NUM executive hearing

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Staff

The sacking of the acting general secretary of the Nottinghamshire miners, Mr Roy Lynk, was recommended yesterday by the national executive of the National Union of Mineworkers after a special disciplinary hearing.

The recommendation will be put to the union's annual conference in July. If accepted, Mr Lynk would then be suspended from office, pending three month's notice. Mr Lynk said last night that he did not accept yesterday's decision, and would continue as leader of the Nottinghamshire miners, regardless of the attitude of July's conference.

The dismissal requires a simple majority of conference, but the closeness of yesterday's executive vote suggests that it may not be achieved.

Mr Lynk claimed that there had been only a majority of one to sack him, which could have been overturned if Mr Ray Chadburn, president of the Nottinghamshire miners, had chosen to attend the hearings.

Mr Lynk and the Notts area finance officer, Mr David

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Prendergast, attended a disciplinary hearing last Thursday to face nine charges of disloyalty to the national union, amounting to breach of contract during and after the year-long strike. The executive yesterday chose only to reprimand Mr Prendergast.

Mr Lynk, who had been informed of the vote by telephone, said: "They have made a mistake by taking this decision, because it does not alter my position one iota.

He added: "I shall be looking for the support of the Nottinghamshire miners. As I gave them support, I don't think they will let me down. Even now it's not our intention to leave the national union."

Although Mr Lynk's salary is technically paid by the national union, the Nottinghamshire area is an independent union with formidable financial resources and will have no difficulty in paying Mr Lynk. The national union refused to comment yesterday.

The 28,000 Nottinghamshire miners vote on May 27 for a new area official to replace Mr Henry Richardson, who was sacked as general secretary earlier this year. The successful candidate will join the three other area officials, including Mr Lynk and Mr Prendergast in a ballot for the new area general secretary. It is expected that Mr Lynk will be chosen.

Although Mr Lynk's dismissal would exacerbate relations between Nottinghamshire and the national union it would not make a final split inevitable. The two sides, however, remain on collision course over their legal relationship.

An announcement is expected tomorrow that the majority of Nottinghamshire miners have voted in a secret ballot against accepting changes in the national union constitution which Nottinghamshire miners see as an attempt to centralise the union.

The Nottinghamshire area last December altered its own rules to become more independent of the national union. The national miners' union is seeking a court order banning the changes and the hearing is set for June 17.

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Philips axes 550

PHILIPS yesterday announced the closure of its washing machine factory in Halifax, with the loss of 550 jobs. Sharp promised 150 jobs at its microwave oven plant in Wrexham. page 22.

£50m rates aid

A £50 million rates relief package for Scotland was announced yesterday by the Scottish Secretary, Mr George Younger. Back page.

Dollar's slide

A RUN on a second bank in Maryland and talk of a reduction in US interest rates pushed the dollar down almost two cents against sterling yesterday. Page 22.

Aircraft talks

A NEW attempt to persuade France to accept an equal partnership in the European Fighter Aircraft project will be made in Rome today. Page 4.

Mortgage blow

HOPES of an early reduction of mortgage rates collapsed yesterday when the building societies announced an intake of £500 million in April. £300 million less than they need to meet mortgage demand. Page 22.

Shiner bailed

BUSINESSMAN Godfrey Shiner was freed on £100,000 bail in London yesterday after being accused of conspiring with Anthony Gill to pervert the course of justice. Page 3.

The weather

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"I shall only start to take Mr Pym's little group seriously when they start to complain that their phones are being tapped."

Low-key protest

THOUSANDS attended the funeral of a black South African trade union leader who died after police detention, but a call for a protest strike was largely ignored. Page 9.

Police 'scandal'

COUNCIL spending cuts have resulted in a "scandalous" police manpower shortage, the Police Federation heard yesterday. Page 4.

Father gaoled

A FATHER in Reading was gaoled for five years for drunkenly starting a fire which killed his four sons. Page 3.

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Mayor promises to pay for new houses after siege blaze

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The mayor of Philadelphia, Mr Wilson Goode, yesterday promised to rebuild 60 houses in a middleclass neighbourhood which were destroyed by the authorities in a siege against an extremist environmental cult which went badly wrong.

"We believe we owe it to you to make you whole again," said Mr Goode a previously popular black mayor, who was interviewed as a potential vice-presidential candidate last year. "We will rebuild these blocks with city funds," he said.

The disaster occurred when the authorities, frustrated by a day-long siege of a house belonging to the extreme environmental cult known as Move, decided to burn out the remaining members of the group who had allegedly shown

Wilson Goode — city funds pledge

ered police with a barrage of bullets. Adopting a novel siege technique, the fire department dropped a concussion bomb on the barricaded house, setting off a fire which flattened 60 houses and ruined many more.

Three bullet-riddled bodies were found in the wreckage yesterday and two slightly burnt members of the cult, Ramona Africa and a nine-year-old child, Bertie Africa, had previously emerged from the blaze. Police who continued their search through the rubble yesterday, thought there may be more dead.

Members of Move are fervent believers in natural living and all its members adopt the name of Africa. In 1978 the same extremist group became involved in a shoot-out with police in which one officer died and several were seriously injured. As a result, all residents were evacuated from the area when the police began their siege at dawn on Monday.

Neighbours, who had asked

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Nuclear isle evacuated

From Paul Brown aboard Rainbow Warrior, Majuro, Marshall Islands

Rainbow Warrior, the Greenpeace flagship, leaves Majuro today to evacuate 260 islanders from the atoll of Rongelap, which has been dogged by radiation-linked tumours since American nuclear tests in the 1950s. The islanders, half of them children, will be collected with their houses, dug-out canoes and pigs, and taken 100 miles to an uninhabited island in the Kwajalein atoll.

The islanders approached Greenpeace after the Americans refused to pay for a move on the grounds that it was unnecessary, although in 1979 they warned the islanders not to eat fish, coconuts or other fruit from the northern end of Rongelap because of radioactive contamination.

The islanders say that radiation-linked illnesses are common and that more than 65 per cent of the children under 10 at the time of the 1954 Bravo test at Bikini, 50 miles away, have had to have thyroid tumours removed. The islanders were moved three days

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after the Bravo test but taken back to Rongelap three years later.

After the US Congress rejected several applications to arrange their removal, Senator Jeton Anjain, the islanders' representative in the Marshallese parliament, approached Greenpeace. "The United States have been lying to us from the beginning," he said. "We get hungry and have to eat, and then children get ill. They never used to get heart trouble, blindness and so many cancers."

The Rongelap people will be taken to Ebadon, an island offered to them by the people of Kwajalein, the world's largest atoll, with 90 islands on a reef.

Kwajalein is also the site of a US intercontinental missile testing range, with rockets fired from California into the lagoon. But Ebadon is at the opposite end of the atoll, and outside a US exclusion zone.

Mr Michael J. Senko, the US liaison officer for the Marshalls, said Congress had not been sympathetic to the islanders' request because "the move is probably unnecessary." He had no knowledge of a US government document published in 1979 showing high radiation levels.

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Secretary twice investigated grants for stand repair, while club had warning letters from council, police and fire brigade

Club chairman stays silent 'until inquiry'

By Malcolm Pithers

Bradford City Football Club officials refused yesterday to discuss discrepancies surrounding letters sent to the club pointing out areas of danger in the main stand.

The club chairman, Mr Stafford Heginbotham, said that neither he nor any members of the club would make any comment about the disaster until after they had given evidence at the forthcoming public inquiry.

It also became clear yesterday that the club first approached the Football Grounds Improvements Trust on October 17, 1983, about the condition of the main stand. The club secretary, Mr Terry Newman, wrote to the trust for guidance as to whether funds would be available to carry out repairs to the 77-year-old stand.

It is also clear now that West Yorkshire County Council, West Yorkshire police and the local fire brigade all knew of the potential hazards and fire risks at the club from June, 1984.

After it received Mr Newman's letter the trust had a conversation with club officials in Bradford and also undertook to carry out a survey of the stand. It is not known if the club officials ever saw the surveyor's report, which is held by the trust.

West Yorkshire police also informed the club that the stand was dangerous. This information is contained in a letter sent to the club by a superintendent in West Yorkshire on June 27, 1984.

The Assistant Chief Constable, Mr John Domaille, who is leading the investigation into the fire, said yesterday that he could not at the moment release to the public the contents of the police letter.

All the correspondence about the state of the stand is expected to form an important part of the judge's investigation into the blaze. Mr Domaille did say, however, that if at all possible he will release the letter. It is known that the police letter was signed by Superintendent P. Briggs, who is based in Bradford.

This is the sequence of events:

October 17, 1983. A letter sent to the Football Trust asking for guidance on a grant. This letter was signed by Mr Terry Newman, the Bradford club secretary.

June 27, 1984. West Yorkshire police wrote to the club commenting upon the dangers of the stand.

July 4, 1984. A senior engineer from West Yorkshire County Council visited the ground and made an inspection report.

July 11, 1984. Mr Joe Sims, the executive director of engineering for West Yorkshire council, wrote to Mr Newman and informed him that the existing felt roof covering and the areas of decayed boarding on the stand created "an unacceptable crowd safety hazard and should be rectified as soon as possible".

July 18, 1984. Mr Sims again wrote to the club secretary, telling him he was pleased to enclose a letter which might assist him in obtaining a grant from the Football Trust towards the cost of recovering the main stand roof. He listed in this letter dangers in the main grandstand, in particular the build-up of combustible materials in voids beneath the seats. He wrote: "A carelessly discarded cigarette could give rise to a fire risk."

August 3, 1984. Another letter was sent to the trust by Mr Newman, requesting grant aid. With this letter went copies of the letters from West Yorkshire police and in particular the letter from Mr Sims of July 11.

January 8, 1985. The trust approved a 60 per cent grant for the club.

In March this year the club purchased steel to replace the main stand at the club. No work was started, however, because the club did not want scaffolding to interfere with this season's matches.

Mr Heginbotham said yesterday: "I have nothing further to say. I will make no comment because there is to be a public inquiry."

Mr Newman, the club secretary, ignored all questions put to him by journalists as he emerged from the club yesterday. His wife has moved from their home in Heaton, Bradford, after being besieged by journalists.

Earlier this week, Mr Heginbotham said that any letters which had been sent to the club during the period after June, 1983 when the club passed into the hands of an Official Receiver, might have gone to the Receiver.

This was Mr Peter Flesher, a partner in a firm of chartered accountants, Thornton Baker in Bradford. However, Mr Flesher said yesterday that as far as he was concerned the letters had not been sent to him or been seen by him.

Last night Mr Gordon Moore, the chief executive of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, confirmed that although the council had seen copies of the letters sent by West Yorkshire County Council to the club on July 11 and July 18, 1984, no action had been taken.

"We were in no way responsible for safety in the ground. With the benefit of hindsight it is unfortunate that we did not press for the county council to take up follow-up action to discover what was being done in the light of their report," he said.

● In the headline on page one yesterday morning, "Wimbledon and Oval on 'risk' list", it was not intended to imply that Wimbledon tennis or Oval cricket stands were unsafe but that they would now be subject to checks by fire officers. Wimbledon has asked us to point out that considerable time and money have been spent ensuring that the highest safety standards are met.

Premier unready to move on aid

By Colin Brown
Political Staff

The Prime Minister refused yesterday to give any commitment about Government aid in the aftermath of the Bradford fire, either for the victims or for the football grounds which will be required to improve their safety standards.

Closely questioned by the leader of the Opposition, Mr Neil Kinnock, during question time, about rumours that Bradford AFC did not have sufficient insurance cover to meet all the legitimate claims, Mrs Thatcher said Mr Kinnock should allow the financial matters to be reviewed to see exactly how much was covered by insurance.

She pointed out that various disaster funds for the victims had been started.

Mrs Thatcher will be meeting Lord Aberdare, chairman of the Football Trust, today to discuss the need for the 37 clubs who will be covered by the extension of the act covering safety at sports grounds to meet the cost of further work on terraces, stands, and gates.

The extension of the act after the fire was announced by the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, on Monday. But Mrs Thatcher had previously arranged the meeting with Lord Aberdare as part of her initiative in combating hooliganism.

Mrs Thatcher was also pressed by Mr Kinnock to make a commitment to provide further funds for the safety improvements which will be required in the third and fourth division grounds.

She replied: "I have been inquiring into the finances and I think it would be best if we made a thorough inquiry before we jump to any conclusions."

She said Lord Aberdare was aware that the situation was complicated. About £7 million a year went to the trust from the Spot the Ball competitions and about half of that money went to football ground improvements.

She pointed out that in 1984 the trust had accumulated £3.3 million in its bank balance because of insufficient extra demand from league clubs for ground improvement. This money had been dispersed to the clubs who had made earlier requests for financial assistance.

Mr Kinnock said the inquiry by Mr Justice Popplewell into the 52 deaths at Bradford should not only be thorough but urgent because of the implications for crowd safety in other grounds.

MP makes his peace with Falkland critics

From John Ezard in Port Stanley

A first frail bridge was built between Labour's left wing and the Falklands yesterday when the party's spokesman Mr George Foulkes survived a 90-minute discussion breakfast with 12 island representatives "without being jumped on and beaten to pulp" as one relieved local said afterwards.

The meeting was the first systematic talk with any ranking Labour politician since before the 1982 conflict. Earlier, at a luncheon during the British VIP visit to celebrate the opening of the £276 million Falklands airport, Mr Foulkes had been involved in heated argument with a sheep farmer's wife.

But yesterday he earned considerable respect for his reasonable manner and readiness to listen and argue as he outlined what he believes will be the next Labour government's policy.

The discussion and the visit in general were also notable for signs of increasing confidence on the Falklands that any future non-Conservative government would find it electorally difficult to "Sell out" or brusquely disentangle from the South Atlantic commitment, even if this continues to cost £400-£500 million a year into the late 1980s.

Mr Foulkes said bluntly that Labour was in favour of talks with Argentina on sovereignty. "But the interests and wishes" of the islanders would be taken fully into account and they would be partners at the negotiating table. No unsatisfactory solution would be accepted.

One of the younger men present, Mr Stuart Wallace, a former councillor who was interned with his wife and children by Argentina during the conflict, said afterwards that he had taken the view that "we have a right of self-determination and we should not exercise it totally selfishly. I believe ultimately that there will be compromise with Argentina."

He proved to be a small minority, however. An older councillor, Mr Bill Luxton, who was deported to Britain during the conflict, replied: "I do not think Argentina will ever be prepared to compromise on sovereignty."

There was a much closer meeting of minds on the topic of developing the Falklands. Mr Foulkes said afterwards that the councillors had "important and valid" worries.

His earlier reputation as a callous leftwinger dominated the public meeting on Monday night in Port Stanley, although he was unable to attend. This grassroots rally for 142 people, nearly half the town's able-bodied electorate, was one of the largest meetings for some years.

But this session, too, was marked by a strengthened confidence in the British commitment. Most questions were about the government's failure to declare a 150-mile fishing limit to conserve local resources and produce revenue to offset the garrison costs.

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Widow banned for 2 years for 8-mile drive on flat tyre

MRS Ethel Beardsworth, aged 79, an air vice-marshal's widow, who drove for eight miles on a flat tyre with the car radio turned up to drown the noise, appeared before Chertsey magistrates yesterday nursing a broken wrist — caused by a fall from her bicycle while her car was in for repair.

She was banned from driving for two years and fined a total of £325 after the court heard how twice within 12 days she caused havoc on the highways.

On the first occasion she drove in the wrong direction down a dual carriageway on the busy A3 at Wisley, Surrey, oblivious of the chaos around her. Then, less than two weeks later, she drove on three wheels through the streets of Chobham and Addlestone in Surrey after a front tyre burst.

Mrs Beardsworth, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, who told police that she passed her advanced driver's test only two years ago pleaded guilty to two charges of driving without due care and attention, using a motor car in a dangerous condition, and driving with defective eyesight.

Police Sergeant Stephen Buckle said that Mrs Beardsworth was spotted driving south in the fastlane of the northbound carriageway of the A3 at 45mph on April 15.

"Many drivers had to take drastic action to avoid collision. Cars were left all over the road. It would appear that the driver of the car was oblivious to what was wrong," he said.

Police were only able to stop her by getting on to the carriageway and driving in the wrong direction themselves. When stopped Mrs Beardsworth denied that she was driving in the wrong direction.

Sgt Buckle said that 12 days later Mrs Beardsworth steered into the kerb and burst a tyre after she was overtaken by two cars in Chobham. "She heard the noise but turned the radio on because she wanted to get home," he said.

"Large pieces of tyre started to disintegrate and fall off and before long she was driving on the metal rim of the wheel." When a man spoke to her at traffic lights, "she just replied that she was going shopping. In the interests of safety he removed her ignition keys."

By that time the wheel and the front bumper of car were missing, the front wing was dented and hanging off, and there were numerous scratches and dents in the bodywork.

Magistrates ordered that she must take another driving test before being allowed out behind the wheel alone again.

Ethel Beardsworth: broke wrist in bicycle fall

Welfare review 'to hit food aid'

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

A bill to stop local authorities from providing free school meals and milk for some poor families in work is being proposed by the Government as part of the review of the welfare state.

The plan was disclosed by Mr Gordon Brown, Labour MP for Dunfermline East, at a press conference yesterday. The Government also intended to cut supplementary benefit for young people under the age of 26 by £5 a week, reducing it from £28 to £23 a week, he said.

The ban on local authorities giving discretionary free school meals to children of those in work is expected to reduce substantially the 1,147,886 in benefit. At present the law allows all people on supplementary benefit and family income supplement to claim free meals and milk. Many local authorities also help people on low wages who are ineligible for the meal allowance.

According to a government census last year, all the big city education authorities except for Leeds, Tameside and Solihull provide extra help. A number of county councils, including authorities which until last week had an overall Conservative majority, such as East Sussex, Hampshire and Hertfordshire, also provide more help.

The Government wants to abolish this discretion and stop claimants receiving family credit which will replace family income supplement from qualifying for free school meals. In compensation another £2 is to be incorporated into the credit payments.

Family credit will be available to fewer people and will be less generous to the lower paid than the present allowance. The Government plans to exempt those earning more than £90 a week and to deduct 60p for every extra £1 earned by claimants, compared with the present 50p.

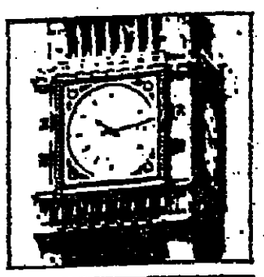
Since charges for school meals range from about £1.50 a week to £3.30 a week, some families could be out of pocket even if they can still claim family credit.

The proposal to reduce benefits by £5 a week follows a decision by Mr Tony Newton, the social security minister, to limit board and lodging allowances for the young unemployed. From April 29 they have to move every two, four or eight weeks from the town where they have lodgings to find work before they can claim.

The proposals will now affect benefit payments for those who have decided to return home and live with their parents.

Mr Brown said that the cuts would mean they could lose up to £15 a week in benefits and in meeting 20 per cent of their rate bills and their entire water rates bills.

"These new poor laws are the Prime Minister's Victorian values with a vengeance, condemning millions to poverty from the cradle to the grave," he said. "The poverty line is now a few pence above destitution and the national minimum a few calories above starvation."



David McKie

Language of politics gets new concept

WHATEVER eventually becomes of the Local Government Bill, it has already given a new constitutional concept of the language: the concept of the nibbling amendment.

Wrecking amendments are familiar enough: they are devices ostensibly fashioned to improve a bill which in fact would shoot away essential parts of it. Throughout the Lords committee stage on the Local Government Bill, government supporters have accused the opposition of exactly these tactics.

The ruse, it is alleged, is to push through a string of amendments, none of them exactly a wrecker on its own but cumulatively designed to destroy the essential decentralising strategy of the bill — a strategy endorsed, the Government likes to add, at all stages in the Commons and on second reading in the Lords, not to mention at the general election.

Yesterday the Lords were dealing with further amendments designed, the Government said, to achieve ultimate wreckage through a process of steady nibbling. This time they dealt with the arts and recreation, one for post-GLC London, the other for the great English cities after the "mets" have gone.

Again yesterday we had the now routine exchanges in which the traditional roles of the parties are bizarrely reversed, the Conservatives banging on about the supremacy of the elected Commons, Labour reserving the right of the Lords to make such changes as it deems necessary in the national interest (especially on a bill which has been guillotined).

Indeed, the Conservative peer, Lord Harmer-Nicholls, rabbited on so long about the superior might of the Commons that the whole place grew restive.

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As he embarked for the second time on a metaphor about people who thought you could order a dog to lie on its back and wag its tail, Lord Somers, from the Labour benches, issued the year's best put-down. "There is," he gravely intoned, "another command you can give to a dog. It is: 'Sit.'"

The main fear on the opposition side was that the arts and recreation might not, under the Government's dispensations, be going to good homes. London's South Bank complex, for example, would from now on be dependent on Arts Council generosity alone, at a time when the council's emphasis was swinging to the regions.

Then there were the boroughs, who would inherit most of the doomed counties' responsibilities. Lord Birkett who as the GLC's director of recreation and arts declared an outside interest, saw the boroughs as a very mixed bag. He would entrust any park in the land to Newham, but there were some London boroughs (no names) to which he would hesitate to turn over a cabbage patch.

What would happen, too, to places like Hampstead Heath, which fell within three authorities — two of whom, one peer complained, were not even on speaking terms?

As for Lord Gowrie's promised financial transfusion to offset the lost metropolitan patronage, linked to his optimistic assumption that the boroughs, once freed from GLC and metropolitan county precepts, were likely to be in overflowing mood, the general response seemed to be: we'll believe that when we see it.

It was Lord Boyd-Carpenter, so often the Government's hatchetman on this bill, who bet allayed suspicions. Surely the minister would be ready to come to the aid of arts and recreation if his optimism proved misplaced? Lord Gowrie would indeed. It could have been a crucial ingredient in the Government's subsequent majority.

As Lord Birkett argued with gentle passion for the saving of new parks now taking shape in Southwark and Tower Hamlets, which might be threatened should strategic planning go, one recalled that it was a speech in this chamber by his father, two days before he died, which saved Ullswater from Manchester's rapacious intentions in 1962. Not that this speech was in that class: but in its generous, wistful, sometimes lyrical way it was still a very considerable treat.

Talks on teachers' pay seem destined to fail

By Andrew Moncur
Education Staff

The prospect of today's talks settling the teachers' pay dispute is remote, judging by the gloom in both camps yesterday.

The dispute seems likely to drag into the summer—and hopes are fading of a deal linked to salary structure reform in time for April, 1986.

"If we don't reach agreement this dispute will not come to an end until September at the earliest, by which time there will be no time to reach an accord on structure," a spokesman for the employers' side said yesterday.

The meeting of the Burnham pay negotiating committee—the first formal talks between union leaders and management representatives for three months—takes place with no detectable prospect of bridging the gap between the two sides.

The teachers are demanding a minimum rise of £1,200 which amounts to nearly 12.5 per cent.

The employers seem unable to make sufficient improvement on their offer of 4 per cent to win agreement, with the unions refusing to accept a salary cut in real terms.

Leaders of the local authorities, who met the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, last week and heard once again that he would not fund any increased pay deal or offer financial relief, may put forward a slightly higher figure today. But it is not expected to meet even the lowest mark acceptable to the unions. The National Union of Teachers has not named a negotiable figure, but it would have to keep pace with cost of living rises, in the region of 7.5 per cent.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, the deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters / Union of Women Teachers, said yesterday: "I don't know why everyone is coming to London to waste their time. It could all be done on the telephone."

The NAS/UWT yesterday named six more areas where it will stage selective strikes from Monday. They are: Bedfordshire, Birmingham, Calderdale, East Sussex, Kirklees, and Staffordshire.

The NUT yesterday called on Sir Keith to appoint an independent body to review the teachers' side of the Burnham Committee. This is widely expected to end the union's dominant position on the teachers' panel.

Corporal 'incapable' of murders

A soldier mentioned in despatches while serving in Northern Ireland yesterday denied shooting three soldiers in a payroll robbery.

Corporal Andrew Walker, aged 31, told the High Court in Edinburgh that he believed the killings were the work of a terrorist organisation. "There is no way I would have had the capability of shooting three people, cold bloodedly, in the head," he said.

The corporal denies murder and robbery and has launched a special defence of alibi. It is alleged that he shot retired Major David Cunningham, Staff Sergeant Terence Hosker, and Private John Thomson, on January 17 somewhere between Penicuik and Flotterstone Glen, near Edinburgh.

On the tenth day of the trial he answered questions by Mr Donald Macaulay, defending.

Corporal Walker, a small arms instructor, said he had been on five tours of duty to Northern Ireland and enjoyed army life.

He admitted that, while in prison, he wrote to his younger brother saying that the killings were the work of the Scottish cell of the Provisional IRA.

"I felt when I was arrested for this crime that the police just wanted anybody. They didn't give a damn who they got and because of the public outrage over it, the sooner they got somebody the better," he said.

Corporal Walker also claimed that he was subjected to a "Gestapo-like" police interrogation on the day of the murders.

He agreed that he had given the letter to a fellow prisoner who was due to leave the gaol, but claimed that earlier evidence by the prisoner, William Lowden, aged 18, was a "complete fabrication." The corporal said he had never threatened to kill Lowden and his girlfriend if details of their discussions in gaol were disclosed.

He described a transcript allegedly taken during his police interview as "rubbish." Corporal Walker also denies attempting to pervert the course of justice by trying to smuggle a letter out of prison claiming that the killings were the work of the IRA.

The trial continues today.

Miners 'cool, calm and calculated' in dropping concrete on passing taxi

By Paul Hoyland

Two miners accused of murdering a taxi driver during the coal strike were "cool, calm, calculated and skilful" when they aimed a concrete post and block from a bridge at a police convoy, Cardiff crown court was told yesterday.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC Prosecuting, said Russell Shankland only just missed a direct hit on the taxi with the 65lb post but Dean Hancock hit the target with the 46lb block, killing Mr David Wilkie, aged 35, as the taxi veered into an embankment.

"All the remorse and tears and expressions of regret in plenty. Now is that pity for David Wilkie and his family or is it thoughts of the consequences to themselves?", Mr Thomas asked the jury.

In his closing speech he said the evidence established beyond a doubt that the two miners "deliberately and with a full appreciation of the consequences" propelled the concrete at the taxi carrring a working pitman, Mr David Williams, to Mertyr Vale colliery.

Hancock and Shankland, both aged 21, of Rhymney, Mid-Glamorgan, have denied murder. It matters not that it was the concrete block rather than the post that killed David Wilkie," Mr Thomas said. They were acting together in pursuance of the common desogn.

A third miner, Anthony Williams, aged 26, of Rhymney, who has been cleared of murder on the direction of the judge, faces two charges of conspiring to damage the taxi.

Mr Thomas said Williams had told the police: "We were going to make our presence felt and cause a disturbance. We were going to interrupt the convoy."

In his closing speech Mr Gareth Williams, QC, defending Hancock, urged the jury to return a verdict of manslaughter on his client. The sad thing about the miners' strike was that the powerful benefited but "the unknown suffer and pay, whether it is David Wilkie, David Williams in the back of the cab, or Dean Hancock here."

The cases continues today.

DIY led to death blast

A Roman Catholic priest and his housekeeper died in a huge explosion minutes after a DIY handyman had mistakenly hacksawed through a gaspipe, an inquest at Coventry heard yesterday.

Mr Robert Scott — who left the hearing in tears—had allegedly been told by the priest that it was a disused oil central heating pipe, the deputy coroner, Mr David Collins, heard.

The Director of Public Prosecutions has decided that no criminal proceedings should be taken against Mr Scott.

The "colossal" blast almost totally demolished the Victorian presbytery, adjacent to St Mary's Church in Coventry. The bodies of Father Connell Harkin, aged 55, and Mrs Nora Woods, 69, were found beneath the rubble. They were killed instantly, the inquest heard, and Mr Collins recorded verdicts of accidental death.

He said there was no evidence of gross negligence or incompetence showing such disregard for other people's lives or safety to justify verdicts of unlawful killing.

Mr Scott had earlier refused to give evidence, telling the hearing: "I don't want to say anything." He would not speak to waiting journalists when he left.

The coroner was told that he had carried out various odd jobs for Father Harkin, who had asked him several times to remove an old oil tank. Interviewed by police, he had said: "The father told me it was an oil pipe. I asked him if it was all right, and he said he was sure."

A forensic scientist, Mr Roger Ide, said the cut pipe would have released about 2,000 cubic ft of natural gas per hour into the presbytery's cellar. He thought it was probably ignited by a pilot light on a boiler.

Civil Service unions to fight purge procedures

By Richard Norton-Taylor and John Ardill

Two Civil Service unions yesterday criticised the Government's decision to extend the authority of ministers to suspend civil servants by widening the definition of subversive activities.

A conference of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, which represents 85,000 middle-ranking officials, voted unanimously in favour of an emergency motion calling on the union leadership to campaign for the withdrawal of the new purge procedures.

The union will also press for the right of civil servants to be members or sympathisers of lawful political organisations, and for the introduction of safeguards "to ensure there is no security screening beyond that strictly necessary to prevent unlawful activity presenting a genuine security risk."

The Civil and Public Services Association, meanwhile voted overwhelmingly in favour of a national campaign against purges and pledged full backing for any members victimised.

Delegates at its conference in Brighton were told that, under the Government's proposals, Civil Service management would be able to choose which union officials it negotiated with.

The Society of Civil and Public Servants voted after Mr Gerry Gillman, its general secretary, had told the conference at Eastbourne: "We do not accept that disagreements with the government of the day represent a threat to the security of this country." Opposition to the Government's initiative came from delegates ranging from the Department of Health and Social Security — traditionally leftwing — to those from the UK Atomic Energy Authority and those working for the Metropolitan Police.

Under the Government's guidelines, any public servant who is a member of or who sympathises with any group whose aims, in the view of ministers, are "to undermine or overthrow parliamentary democracy by political, industrial or violent means," could be considered subversive.

Earlier, delegates had voted by a majority of 7,313 to 684 in favour of a merger with the Civil and Public Services Association, to form a joint union with about 230,000 members.

However, the CPSA is deeply divided on the merger proposals and may reject them at its conference today, when the executive seeks authority to put the terms to a referendum of the membership.

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Council's default on grants let down thousands

By David Rose

An administrative failure which caused severe hardship to nearly 3,000 people should lead to fundamental changes in the operation of Bristol City Council, according to a report due to be discussed by the council next week.

Mr Andrew Arden, a barrister and housing expert, prepared the report on the causes of a state of near chaos in Bristol's housing department last year. At the beginning of April the council had already made promises to citizens of housing improvement grants totalling more than £11 million.

Yet in the council's budget for that year only £5 million, later increased to £6 million, was provided for this purpose. By August it was clear that many people who had already begun improvement work on their houses and had spent large sums in the expectation of grants would not be getting them.

Mr Arden defends the hard-hitting nature of the report by saying: "The same points have been made time after time by others, only to find that, shortly before this inquiry, 2,757 people were left in the lurch, and that — improperly and in my view illegally — Bristol had, not for the first time, defaulted on its debts to members of its population."

The council took legal advice on whether it could help those affected with bridging loans and interest payments and decided that it could not. This advice, according to Mr Arden, was wrong, and would not have stood up to inspection by the courts.

Two years earlier the local government ombudsman had come to very similar conclusions about the lack of control or information flow at Bristol, but his advice was ignored. Mr Arden writes: "Bristol have a tradition of failure to learn . . . instead they have bounced from crisis to crisis."

For three consecutive years application forms to the Government for grant aid with the housing improvement programme were filled in incorrectly, greatly exacerbating future difficulties. Often, according to the report, "consideration of both policies and individual decisions shows negligible signs of legality, of even of adherence to the council's own standing orders."

Members were not involved properly in decision-making, and there was no proper apportionment of responsibility: "There has been an absence of a coherent and comprehensive system for handling information, ensuring that issues are methodically dealt with rather than haphazardly and that clear lines of responsibility are drawn."

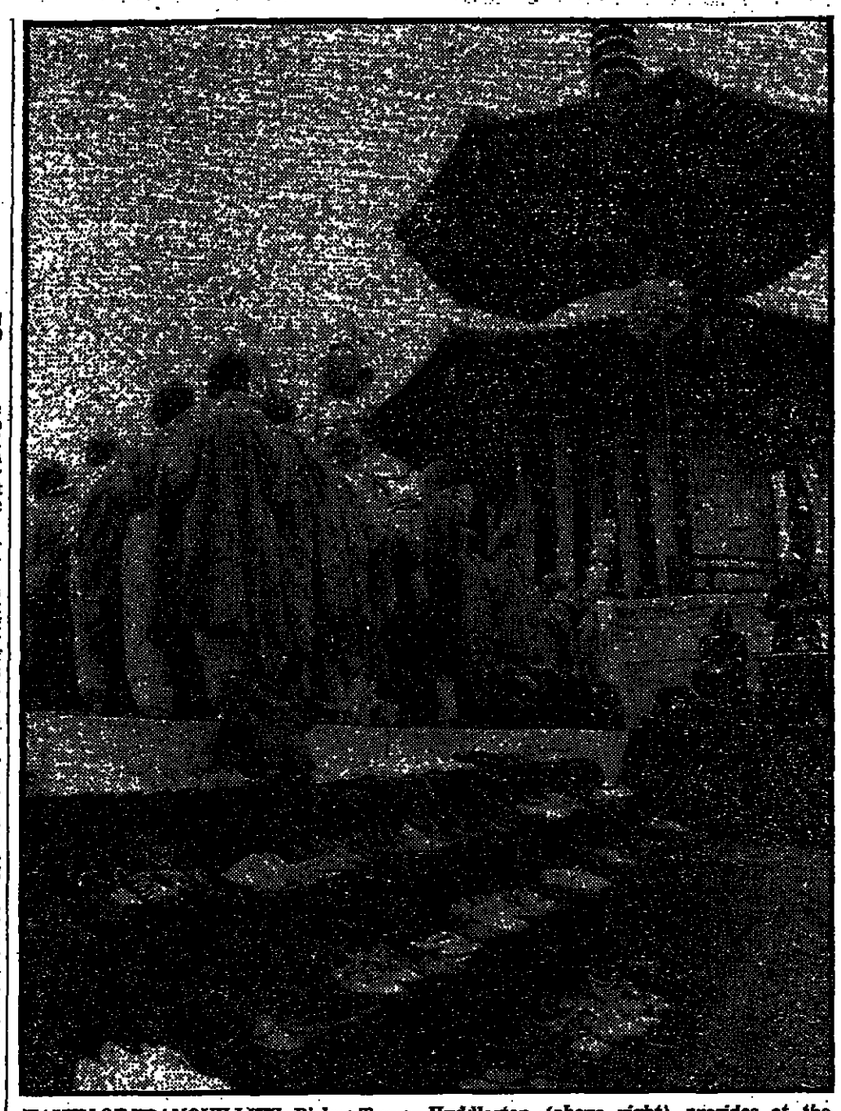
Bristol, writes Mr Arden, is third in the national league table for provincial councils in the number of findings of maladministration by the ombudsman — and the first two authorities are both larger.

The "deep roots" of this crisis, he finds, are in the lack of a corporate system of management. The organisation of the council as a whole is to blame, rather than any individual or department.

Mr Arden recommends the establishment of a new chief executive's department to co-ordinate the council's many functions.

Bristol is a hung council controlled by a Labour-Liberal coalition.

Leaders of the three parties have given the report a cautious welcome. Mr Bob Wall, the Tory leader, said that it should be taken very seriously and its recommendations should be implemented. Mr Robin Howell, the Liberal leader, said that it was a "catalyst" which should lead to "fundamental changes."



HAVEN OF TRANQUILLITY: Bishop Trevor Huddleston (above right) presides at the opening of the London peace pagoda in Battersea Park on a day of celebration for the Buddhist monks (below) of the order led by Nichidatsu Fujii.

Pictures by Garry Weaser

Murk and drizzle bring rare birds to Britain

By Martin Wainwright

Anyone who thinks he saw a blue robin this week has no need to cut down on alcohol or consult a doctor. The miserable weather has brought a bonus for bird-watchers in the form of the rare migratory bluethroat.

Apparently deluded by the murk into thinking that they must be in Norway, the small robin-like birds have appeared in unprecedented numbers on the east coast. The Fair Isle bird observatory, which usually records a handful of bluethroats in early May, counted a record 70 earlier this week.

North-easterly winds are thought to have diverted the birds, which have blue instead of red below their bills, off their annual migratory route from the Sahara to Scandinavia. Overcast weather may also have wrecked their ability to navigate which is thought to involve checks on the position of the sun and stars.

Rare bird enthusiasts have quickly caught up with the main bluethroat concentrations. Mr James Potts and his wife Edith, whose terrace house overlooks Hartlepool harbour, Cleveland, played host to one group after a bluethroat took up residence in their back garden.

"My husband shouted to a crowd of birdwatchers to come and have a look and within seconds we had at least a dozen in our back garden," said Mrs Potts.

Unless the dreary weather persists the bluethroats are unlikely to spend much time in Britain, where only one unsuccessful attempt at nesting has been recorded—in Speyside, Scotland, in 1968.

Birdwatchers who were out in Hartlepool at 7 am yesterday were rewarded by other rare migrants, including a thrush nightingale and a Siberian stonechat.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds also reported sightings of wrynecks, Ortolan buntings and a collared flycatcher, all diverted to East Anglia from their migratory routes to Scandinavia or nothern Russia.

On the debit side, after the prolonged cold spells in January and February, few Cetti's warblers are to be seen. The bird, one of only two warblers which spend the whole year in Britain, has been particularly badly affected in Suffolk and Kent.

Tax exile 'helped Gadafy relative flee trial'

Briton bailed amid fears of Libyan 'retribution'

By a Correspondent

A British tax exile, Godfrey Shiner, was freed on £100,000 bail in London yesterday, despite police fears that he would be in danger of "Libyan retribution."

He is charged with helping Colonel Gadafy's brother-in-law to flee Britain to escape a drugs trial.

Mr Shinier, aged 47, was arrested at Heathrow on Monday and appeared at Horseferry Road magistrates' court after being deported from Egypt, where he had been detained in connection with an alleged plot to assassinate a former Libyan premier and leading opponent of Colonel Gadafy.

An Anti-Terrorist Squad detective, objecting to bail, said he feared that Shiner would abscond and added: "I feel he should be kept in custody for his own protection."

Mr Shiner was arrested with a fellow businessman in Cairo six months ago, and Det. Chief Inspector Angus McIntosh said: "The nature of these reports has led me to believe that he himself might be at some risk from Libyan retribution.

"I base this on an incident in London last August when a Libyan on bail for offences relating to illegal activities in relation to the Libyan Government was found murdered."

Godfrey Shiner: arrested at airport

The dead man, a wealthy Libyan businessman, had been bailed on charges on conspiracy to plant bombs when he was shot in his West End flat.

Mr Shiner, a company director from Warwickshire, is charged with conspiring with Anthony Gill to pervert the course of justice by assisting Mohammed Shelbi to evade trial.

Reporting restrictions were lifted.

The police allege that Shiner funded Shelbi's escape to Libya in a private aircraft on August 2, six days before his planned trial at Croydon Crown Court on charges of possessing cannabis and cocaine.

Shiner allegedly gave Shelbi between £5,000 and £7,000 and paid $7,000 into an account to cover "expenses for the unlawful departure."

When Mr Shiner was interviewed by British police in Cairo before the Egyptians released him on £52,000 bail three months ago, he reported said that he had given or lent the money to Mr Shelbi to pay for a lawyer in the drugs trial.

Mr Fred Philpott, defending, said Mr Shiner had maintained his innocence.

"At the end of the day, it is for the defendant to say whether he feels he needs protection, not the police," said Mr Philpott.

Mr Shiner was remanded until June 12 on bail with two sureties of £10,000 each, and on condition that he surrender his two passports to police and deposit £40,000 in cash at the court.

He was also ordered to report nightly to police and to live at an address in Warwickshire.

On Monday, Anthony Gill, aged 39, from Colchester, was remanded in custody until May 21 on the same charge.

All-party group launches coal and jobs campaign

By John Torode

The second all-party pressure group in a fortnight to challenge government economic policies will be launched today amid warnings of a further massive collapse of employment in pit areas.

The founding committee of the Coalfield Communities Campaign (CCC) has received a formal message of support from the Earl of Stockton and among its sponsors are the Conservative peer Viscount Caldecote, former Labour prime minister James Callaghan and Mrs Barbara Castle.

At its launch in Central Hall, Westminster, the CCC will warn that 80 pits are likely to close by March 1988 with a loss of 108,000 jobs. These figures — based on research already received from the University of Bradford — are even more alarmist than those produced by Mr Arthur Scargill.

The all-party group will demand more government investment in coal, EEC aid for the stricken areas, and an end to the Coal Board's accountancy-based approach to marginal pits.

CCC patrons include Lord Ezra, the former chairman of the National Coal Board; Lord Gormley, past president of the mineworkers' union; and Baroness Burton of Coventry, who was until recently chairman of the Domestic Coal Consumers' Council.

A campaign is funded by 54 local authorities throughout the nation's coalfields.

It aims to challenge Mr Ian MacGregor's definition of "uneconomic" pits, demand a substantial increase in public funds to provide alternative jobs where pits have to close, and force the Government to use social as well as economic criteria when deciding the future of the industry.

In addition, the campaign wants an EEC initiative to channel European aid to the coalfield communities, in part to overcome environmental problems.

It will also be pressing Mrs Thatcher for a white paper committing the Government to heavy reliance on coal within a clearly defined energy policy.

Journalists defy union

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Staff

Journalists at the Kent Messenger Group have voted to continue working on newspapers being set and printed at Mr Eddie Shah's Warrington printing centre. The decision is a blow to 140 National Graphical Association members, who have been sacked by management for refusing to cooperate with the introduction of computerised equipment. NUJ official policy is to boycott Mr Shah and an NUJ national executive will have to consider its response to the chapel's attitude at a meeting on Friday.

Although the NUJ chapel voted by 35 to 25 to deplore the use of Mr Shah's presses, it said it would only consider industrial action in a fortnight's time if Mr Shah's plant was still being used. The chapel rejected by 39 to 19 a motion committing the chapel to abide by any instruction from the NUJ national executive not to cross NGA picket lines.

The NGA national leadership is believed to be seeking a joint approach with the NUJ to the Kent Messenger dispute.

Children killed in arson attack by drunken father

By a Correspondent

Four children died when their father set fire to their home in a drunken rage after drinking 18 pints of Guinness and 10 brandies, Winchester crown court heard yesterday.

"The court cannot really punish you as severely as you have already punished yourself," the judge told 36-year-old Patrick Lawlor. "You are going to have to live with this."

He had denied four counts of murder but pleas of guilty to manslaughter were accepted by the prosecution. Lawlor also admitted a charge of arson and was gaoled for a total of five years.

He had lived with his common law wife, Susan Geary, for 10 years and the couple had five children. Stephen, seven, six-year-old twins Gary and Patrick, Paul, three and a 19-month-old daughter Kelly. The family lived in a council house in Alston Walk, Caversham, Reading.

Mr William Denny, QC, prosecuting, said: "He habitually drank heavily and when he could not hold his liquor he assaulted and threatened his wife.

On the night of the fire Lawlor returned home from drinking to learn that police had been to the house after he had failed to appear in court on a forgery charge.

He went into a fit of rage and told his wife to move their eldest son into the bedroom with the other boys. He gathered a pile of newspapers to start a fire. The mother took her daughter and rushed from the house as the flames spread.

Mr Denny said that she was beaten back by the heat in a vain attempt to fight the blaze. Firemen later found the charred bodies of the boys in the back bedroom.

Lawlor was discovered lying on a porch outside, having apparently plunged through an upstairs window. He had sufferd serious burns and other injuries.

Mr John Archer, defending, told Mr Justice Bristow that the father was "drunk out of his mind."

Church doubts the case for Sunday shopping

By Martyn Halsall, Churches Correspondent

The churches' case against Sunday trading has been sent to all MPs in advance of the Commons debate on the Auld Report, which proposed the abandonment of trading hours restrictions.

A join submission from the British Council of Churches, representing 27 Protestant denominations, and the Free Church Federal Council, said there was a serious conflict between the evidence presented by committee members and the conclusions they reached.

"Nowhere do they make out a compelling case for the radical change they suggest," said the churches' submission. "We do not believe that a responsible government can act on such recommendations nor encourage others to pursue them."

The churhes favour amending the 1950 Shops Act "without radically changing the principle that most shops will close on Sundays." They argue that evidence in the report about the demand for Sunday trading and the right of shopworkers was insubstantial.

The report relied too greatly on the argument of market freedom and gave insufficient attention to overall community needs, said that the churches. The Board for Social Responsibility of the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday forecast resolute opposition from the churches to the Auld committee proposals.

Battle for school lost

By Susan Tirbutt

A group of educationists and parents campaigning against the closure of single sex state schools failed to convince a High Court judge yesterday that closing a boys' school would be unlawful under the Sex Discrimination Act.

The Parental Alliance for Choice in Education, whose founder members included Baroness Cox and Dr John Marks, were challenging the legal right of Sir Keith Joseph, the Education Secretary, and Avon education authority to close a boys' secondary school on a south Bristol council estate while keeping open the neighbouring girls' secondary school.

Mr David Pannick, the group's counsel, said that closing Merrywood boys' school would be unlawful because the boys would be treated less favourably than the girls on the grounds of their sex.

Mr Justice Kennedy, refusing the application, said that a section of the Sex Discrimination Act had been introduced to prevent single sex schools from being regarded as discriminatory.

Mr Fred Naiyor, the group's honorary secretary, said that an appeal was being considered.

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Pair of front runners for CND post

By Seumas Milne

Two candidates are emerging as front runners in the contenders to replace Mgr Bruce Kent as general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament when he steps down to an honorary vice-presidency in July.

Ms Meg Beresford and Mr Sean Sinclair are among five short-listed for interview next Sunday. A quick decision is expected and the choice will be a pointer to CND's future direction.

Mr Sinclair is not a CND member but belongs to Pax Christi, the Catholic peace organisation. He has previously worked for Mencap, the charity for the mentally handicapped.

Ms Beresford is a CND vice-chairman and the former organising secretary of European Nuclear Disarmament (END). Now unemployed, she has taught part-time at Warwick University.

CND had some difficulty attracting applicants after its executive decided that the general secretary should continue to be paid the campaign's flat rate London salary of £7,932 a year.

Eleven people applied for Mgr Kent's job. Under his general secretaryship, CND's national membership has increased from 9,000 in 1980 to 111,000 this year. If local group members are included, the figure is closer to 400,000.

Apart from Ms Beresford and Mr Sinclair, the candidates are:

Mr Dermot Nolan, Irish CND's national secretary and organiser of the anti-Reagan campaign when the American president visited Ireland last summer.

Mr Dan Plesch, a CND executive member from Bristol, who is involved in parliamentary lobbying.

Mr Peter Brunsdon, a polytechnic lecturer, who is a Labour Party member and CND activist in Merthyr Tydfil.

The interviews will be carried out by a panel of CND's chairman, Mrs Joan Ruddock; Mgr Kent; CND's treasurer, Mr Mick Elliott; vice-chairman, Mr Dan Smith, a CND office representative, Ms Claire Kinnersley; and an executive member, Ms Elena Leiven.

If Ms Beresford replaces Mgr Kent, it could mean a new international direction for CND.

The organisation she has been associated with — END, whose best known advocate is Professor E P Thompson — has argued that the struggle for disarmament and greater civil rights in Warsaw Pact states are indivisible.

A growing role for END supporters in CND's national organisation would mean more cultivation of dissident groups.

If Mr Nolan were picked, it could mean more attention to campaigns against Nato.

Ms Ruddock is also expected to step down later this year.

One possible successor is the vice-chairman, Mr Smith, a former general secretary linked with END.

Defence ministers seek compromise on fighter

By David Fairhall, Defence Correspondent

Defence ministers will make a fresh effort in Rome today to persuade the French aerospace industry to join the £15-£20 billion European fighter aircraft programme, not as leaders but as equal partners.

The military requirement for the new fighter has been agreed by the air forces of all five nations concerned — Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and Spain — but two different designs have been offered to meet it, one from the French firm of Dassault and the other jointly from the remaining four industries.

Dassault, with its elderly autocratic management, has never collaborated seriously with anyone, and has an export record which seems to justify this chauvinist attitude, at least in its own eyes.

But in such a vast undertaking as the new fighter, designed to match whatever the US aircraft industry can offer Nato in the mid-1990s, France has agreed to co-operate in order to share development costs and acquire collective technology.

The problem is to persuade the French to accept a collaborative formula giving no one formal leader and to reach an acceptable compromise between the European military requirement and the lighter — and perhaps more exportable — aircraft Dassault would like to build.

British Aerospace's Warton division has meanwhile begun final assembly of its experimental prototype to demonstrate the advanced technologies which will be needed for the fighter.

Large chunks of the aircraft, including the lightweight carbon fibre wings and an advanced cockpit, can be seen in the Lancashire factory, ready to be checked out for a first flight next summer.

To save further weight, the BAe demonstrator will use "data buses", single wires which can carry a million signals a second instead of the hundreds of individual wires normally required.

The aircraft's most startling characteristic is the deliberate aerodynamic instability of its front tailplane configuration, which is in turn the key to its extreme agility.

It could not be flown without a computer. If that fails the pilot will instantly eject, because he could not respond fast enough to fly the aircraft on his own.

The experimental programme will cost British Aerospace and its industrial partners—Dowty, Ferranti, GEC, Lucas and Smiths—about £100 million, with the Government putting in another £60-£70 million.

Britain's share of the experimental programme would be £4-£5 billion over the next 15 years.

Building a purely British aircraft would cost even more, however, so if today's meeting in Rome ends in disagreement the next question is whether the West German industry will join British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce as it did on the Tornado, or team up with the French.

Asked yesterday what he meant by collaboration, the experimental programme's director, Mr David Parry, said: "We don't talk about the BAe Tornado. It is built jointly by a joint company, and we are all proud to be part of building it.

"We want to protect the interests of all the industries in Europe, with the work equally shared. That's what we call a true collaborative programme."

The work shares British Aerospace and the Ministry of Defence have in mind are 25 per cent each for Britain, France and Germany, and 25 per cent shared by Italy and Spain. They would like the project headquarters to be based in Germany.

Government cuts on police forces 'a public scandal'

By Tom Sharratt

Government cuts imposed on the police as part of the squeeze on local authority financing were fast becoming a public scandal, a police leader told the Police Federation conference at Blackpool yesterday.

Police Constable Paul Middup, chairman of the constables' section of the federation, said that, with other local government services, the police were forced to bear their share of spending cuts.

"Central government cannot duck the issue any longer," he said. "It is fast turning into a public scandal which is entirely of their making. They cannot blame the local authorities any longer."

PC Middup, from South Yorkshire, said that the cuts had led to a loss of police manpower. "In January 1984 there were 830 vacancies in the police forces of England and Wales. In January 1985 there were 1,709.

"Police vehicles were having to be kept longer, and decoration of police properties was being cancelled, with repairs being done only in emergencies. Because pay for policing public holidays was classed as overtime, few officers were on duty on those days — creating a situation of danger in some areas.

"Whatever the answer is, the matter is extremely serious and requires immediate government attention," he said.

Pc Middup, himself a miner's son, described the 12-month coal dispute as "a challenge to the democratic authority of the Government and an attempt by sheer mob violence and intimidation to bring the country to its knees."

The police had met that challenge magnificently, he said. "We did not want the job, we did not like the job, but it was up to us to preserve the rule of law."

But he was angered by talk of police brutality. No one could expect during such a massive operation that police behaviour would be at all times exemplary, but only 438 complaints had been made against the police. "Don't talk about police brutality", said Pc Middup. "Our men were trying to survive."

Now that the dispute was over, miners and police had to live and work together. "Let us bring our communities back to the friendly places they were before the dispute."

PC Middup criticised the new disciplinary offence of racial discrimination as a slur and an insult. It was unnecessary because the police disciplinary code was already adequate.

He called for independent investigation of complaints against the police to be introduced as soon as possible. Although present methods of investigation were thorough and honest, the public would not be satisfied until independent investigation began.

In spite of a recommendation that it should not be put on the agenda, delegates voted to debate an emergency motion from Greater Manchester police attacking the Government for pursuing policies and legislation "which are in direct conflict with the efficient maintenance of law and order."

'Grave-diggers' for trial

Two young men who allegedly conspired to dig up the grave of the 10th Duke of Beaufort, were yesterday sent for trial at Bristol Crown Court.

Magistrate ruled on the second day of committal proceedings at Yate, near Bristol, that Terrance James Helsby, aged 22, and John Christopher Curtin, aged 22, should stand trial at a date to be fixed.

Helsby and Curtin are unemployed and face four charges in connection with the desecration of the duke's grave on Boxing Day morning at the family burial plot at Badminton parish church, which adjoins Badminton House in Gloucestershire.

Both were remanded in custody. They were represented in court by Mr John Mackenzie, but the magistrates rejected a bail application on behalf of Curtin. Reporting restrictions were lifted.

Helsby, of White Hart Lane, Tottenham, London, and Curtin, of Kingsland Avenue, Coventry, were members of the Hunt Retribution Squad, said Mr Ian Glen, prosecuting, in opening the committal proceedings. He alleged that the group sought to end all blood sports by violent means.

Doctors seek laws on drug tests

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

Laws to protect people who volunteer for drugs trials are to be recommended by the Royal College of Physicians.

The college will tell the Medicines Commission that firms should be legally obliged to compensate healthy volunteers who suffer during trials, unless they can prove that their drug was not to blame.

The college working party, set up at the request of the Medicines Commission to recommended safeguards, believes that the industry's voluntary code of practice on compensation is unsatisfactory.

It says that firms need not compensate victims if, on a balance of probabilities, it can be shown their drug might not have been to blame, or if the investigator, rather than the drug, caused the damage.

The working party, headed by the college president, Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, has completed a draft report. The final version is due to go to the Medicines Commission at the end of the year. The commission will in turn report to the Health Minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke. It is understood that commission members will support the call for laws on compensation.

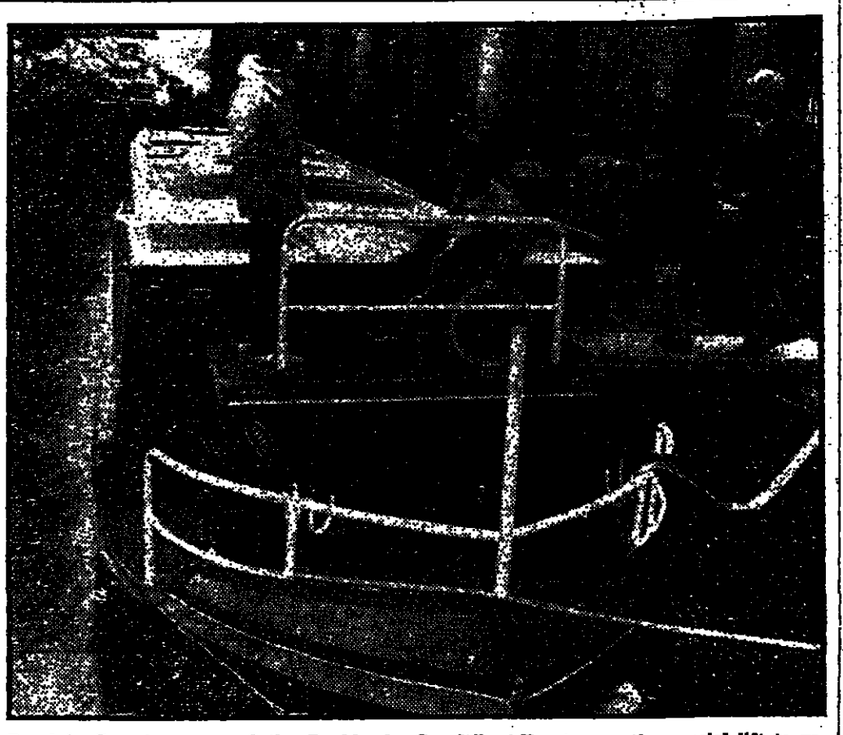
Senior doctors were at pains to point out yesterday that the Medicines Commission had not — as Mr Clarke suggested in a recent Commons answer — recommended that laws to protect healthy volunteers were unnecessary. The commission had as yet made no recommendation on legislation, the doctors said.

The Royal College guidelines follow the deaths of two student volunteers in Cardiff and Dublin.

Sir Raymond said the college would recommend limits on the payments to human volunteers (£100 a week might be satisfactory, £500 would be considered an inducement): controls on the number of times someone could take part in trials; and more involvement by GPs to ensure that volunteers were fit before they entered trials.

Saxon find

A Saxon graveyard dating from AD 480 to AD 650, the time when the West Saxons were converted to Christianity, has been discovered by Oxford archaeologists at Lechlade, Gloucestershire.



Dominic Cox, treasurer of the Docklands Canal Boat Trust, uses the special lift to go on board the Challenge boat at Tilbury which was built for the disabled by Youth Training Scheme members. Picture by E. Hamilton West

Loo to be turned into bistro

By Michael Parkin

THE way is now clear for the conversion of a disused public lavatory at Halifax into a bistro and wine bar to be called WCs.

Mr David Lovell and Mr Patrick Hogan, the partners behind the scheme, succeeded in their appeal at the Crown Court at Leeds yesterday against the refusal by licensing magistrates to grant a drinks licence because of police objections. They were supported in their appeal by Calderdale District Council, which had given planning permission, and by local licensees.

Mr Lovell said yesterday that the conversion would cost about £150,000. Lavatory pedestals would be covered to provide seats for drinkers and three of the urinal stalls would be preserved for use. It hopes that WCs will open in August.

All eyes on Sinn Fein in Ulster local elections

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

Voters in Northern Ireland go to the polls today to elect 556 councillors on a total of 26 local authorities throughout the province.

Most interest in what was a low-key election campaign has focused on how well the political wing of the IRA, Sinn Fein, will do in its first province-wide council poll.

Both the main unionist parties made "smash Sinn Fein" their slogan. Sinn Fein itself has spoken of getting between 30 and 35 councillors elected, but this appears to be deliberately under-pitched. Most observers think that the eventual figure will be about 50.

Although local authorities in Northern Ireland have restricted powers—housing, education and health have been taken from them—the injection of Sinn Fein members into the councils will cause endless disputes between them and the Unionists.

Between five and eight of the 26 authorities could become nationalist-controlled if there are unofficial pacts between Sinn Fein and Mr John Hume's Social Democratic and Labour Party.

On the Unionist side, the Rev. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, has been seeking to exploit uneasiness felt among the Loyalists over Anglo-Irish manoeuvring and talk of a role for Dublin in the affairs of the North.

Today's election will see the effects of legislation introduced recently to combat the traditional Northern Ireland practice of personation, fraudulent voting.

It has been said in the past that even the graveyards of Ulster come alive on polling day, but with voters now having to produce evidence of identification the Government hopes that personation will be almost eradicated.

Voters will have to show election officials one of several documents—a driving licence, a passport, Irish or British, a benefit book, a medical card or a marriage certificate.

French nuclear deal call by Owen

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

The SDP leader, Dr David Owen, has raised the prospect of Britain forming a partnership with France for the development of a common nuclear weapons strategy.

Dr Owen's comments in a BBC Radio interview after giving evidence to the Lords select committee on the European Community, went far beyond existing SDP/Liberal Alliance policy.

Many reservations remain within the Liberal Assembly about the Alliance's commitment to retain a British independent nuclear deterrent. Dr Owen has now added another dimension to the argument, which the Alliance leaders are hoping to settle through a joint policy commission on defence, which is due to report next year.

Dr Owen saw defence acting as a cement between the leading members of the EEC in the future. There would be greater unity only when Europe faced the stark reality of its own security, and addressed the issue of defence.

"I see it in the tea leaves even now. There is no doubt that Germany and France are getting closer and closer, and not just on conventional weapons. France is also prepared to discuss a little bit more on the nuclear strategy," he said.

It was essential, said Dr Owen, that Britain became involved. The pressures coming from the US were going to intensify because, he said, the US was "fed up with paying the bill."

But Europe had a grievance because of a 6-1 imbalance vis-a-vis the US in defence procurement. "You are not going to persuade European citizens to dig deeper into their pockets and pay for national defence if all we're going to do is purchase American equipment.

"We are purchasing American equipment the whole time. Trident is an American system. It is on this big issue of nuclear strategy that you will eventually, and hopefully, see Britain come into partnership."

In many senses, the only logical alternative if you rejected Trident, as Dr Owen did, was to discuss with the French the Polaris replacement, and to consider the question of a European cruise missile.

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Oil supplies safe after BNOC goes pledges minister

OIL

By our Political Staff

An assurance that Britain's oil supplies will be safeguarded despite the abolition of the state-owned British National Oil Corporation was given in the Commons last night by the Energy Minister of State, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith.

The minister also announced that BNOC's successor agency would not continue the corporation's role in trading in liquefied petroleum gas, and that redundant employees would be offered terms in line with those paid by private oil companies.

Mr Buchanan-Smith was speaking during the second reading debate on the bill to establish BNOC's smaller, less-powerful successor — the Oil and Pipelines Agency.

Any severe disruption of oil supplies would be dealt with under arrangements with the International Energy Authority, he said.

As a fall-back the Government had powers in a crisis to control all UK production "whoever produces it and whatever the contracts may be," said Mr Buchanan-Smith.

In the event of minor interruptions of supply the Government had obtained assurances from the refining and marketing companies "which we believe do meet this kind of crisis and should be adequate for it." Therefore, said Mr Buchanan-Smith, "I do not believe that the abolition of BNOC should in any way diminish our country's security of supply of oil and of its products."

It was necessary to discard those parts of BNOC that had become outdated and a potential liability.

Mr Buchanan-Smith singled out the contractual agreements under which BNOC acquired and sold "participation oil" as the main problem and said that the practice had ceased to prevent instability in the market.

"The reason for this is that we have seen fresh developments in the market by which these arrangements had the potential to spark off a cycle of competitive under-cutting which would run a serious risk of dragging down prices." The problem was no reflection on BNOC or its staff.

The minister attempted to allay the fears of the smaller independent companies who have been selling their entire output to BNOC. He said confidential discussions were now going on with the larger oil companies and the indications were that they would undertake to market the small producers' output.

Mr Buchanan-Smith: 'Parts of BNOC outdated'

Mr Buchanan-Smith said that the bill was the direct consequence of changes which had taken place in the oil market. Although BNOC had performed a useful purpose in the past there was no longer a need to maintain the body whose main function could be carried out by the private sector.

Mr Ted Rowlands, Labour's energy spokesman, said the Opposition fundamentally disagreed with the Government over the need to abolish BNOC.

"It served an important national function as the only organisation in the North Sea with 100 per cent loyalty to this nation and to Parliament." He said the bill was the second stage in the Government's attempt to dismantle BNOC, with the "debacle" of the sale of Britoil shares marking the first stage.

He made a special plea for the small British independent oil companies in the North Sea, which were rapidly being gobbled up by the large multinational companies in mergers and take-overs.

He demanded that the new agency, which is to be allowed to trade on a small scale in oil received as royalties, be allowed to market the production of the small independent oil companies.

Labour MPs also challenged the oil minister to publish the assurances on guarantees of emergency supplies from the major oil companies. But he said the details were a matter of commercial confidentiality.

GLC BILL

Attack on arts plans fought off

The Government last night in the Lords defeated a bid to set up a strategic arts and leisure authority for London after the abolition of the Greater London Council.

The Opposition move was rejected by 172 to 143 (majority 29), during the committee stage of the Local Government Bill, the measure which scraps the GLC and metropolitan county councils.

Government supporters rallied to back the Arts Minister, Lord Gowrie, who said the move "runs counter to the purpose of the bill. Our aim is to devolve responsibilities for recreation and the arts to the democratically-elected local authorities who are already in place.

Lord Gowrie said the new body proposed by Labour arts spokesman, Lord Strabolgi, would not have the expertise of the Arts Council which is planned to take over many of London's cultural activities.

But Lord Strabolgi warned that borough councils would not have the cash to finance London's theatres, parks and recreational activities.

A similar move setting up authorities for the six metropolitan counties, put forward by Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, was withdrawn.

Thatcher 'pension snatcher' taunt

FOWLER REVIEW

By our Political Staff

A LABOUR MP accused Mrs Thatcher of being a "pension snatcher" in the Commons yesterday.

The accusation came during question time, when Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, came under attack for his reported plans to scrap the state earnings-related pension scheme (SERPS).

Dr Oonagh McDonald, a Labour Treasury spokesman, told the Commons that ending SERPS would mean more pensioners in future living on supplementary benefit. "Both workers and employers will have to pay higher national insurance contributions for workers to get far less by way of pension in the future. The Prime Minister has moved on from being the milk snatcher to being the pension snatcher."

Mrs Margaret Beckett, a Labour social services spokesman warned that the extension of private occupational pensions to those now covered by the state scheme would cost £3,000 million to £6,000 million extra in tax relief. "How soon can we expect the Chancellor to renege on his commitment not to change tax relief for occupational pensioners as thoroughly as Mr Fowler and the Prime Minister have reneged on their commitment to pensioners in the state earnings-related scheme?" she asked.

To Labour laughter, Mr Fowler replied: "There are no plans to change the tax relief as far as occupational pensions are concerned." He said the green paper on his social security review would be published after Whitsun. 'I am entirely content to be judged on the proposals in the green paper. I am not prepared to be judged on half-baked scare stories put forward by the Opposition."

Replying to Dr McDonald, Mr Fowler said the proposal would not affect the basic pension, which had increased by 84 per cent compared to a 77 per cent rise in retail prices since the Government came to power in 1979.

Mr Fowler told another Labour MP: "It would be utterly irresponsible of this Government not to look forward and make some judgment of what the costs are and what this country will have to bear."

He also said that the biggest deceit was that of Labour Leader, Mr Neil Kinnock who made promises "he nnows perfectly well cannot be fulfilled. That is the biggest swindle for pensioners." This Government was looking at the social security system whereas previous ones had "funked" it.

Mr Fowler said his review was necessary to get a modern social security system which would channel money to those most in need. "One of the areas which gives me most cause for concern are families with children.

Earlier, Mr Michael Meacher, the Shadow Social Services Secretary, had repeated his assertion that as a result of the review, 2 million payments a year for items such as secondhand cookers for those on welfare benefit would be axed.

But social services ministers refused to comment on the decisions in the review.

Dr Oonagh McDonald

Labour councillors warned against Alliance deals

By John Carvel

Labour leaders yesterday advised the party's councillors on hung counties to avoid the temptation of rushing into deals with the Alliance to drive the Tories from power.

Any small Labour group which had come in third place in the county elections on May 2 should abstain rather than vote the Alliance into office, the councillors were told.

Frontbench and NEC spokesmen were speaking at a private meeting with Labour representatives from most of the 25 hung counties which emerged with no party in overall control after the local polls earlier this month.

They advised them to beware of grabbing the illusion of power. Labour councillors could well make arrangements with the Alliance parties if they could agree common policies on main parts of Labour's programme, but they should not join hands with the Alliance to seize committee chairmanships unless a clear policy agreement was established.

Where Labour was the largest single party, it should seek to form an administration on its manifesto programme, inviting the Alliance to give what support they could.

Where the Alliance was the largest party, it was logical that there should be an Alliance administration, although Labour should not give pledges of support.

Where the Tories were the largest single party and Labour was in the third place, it would be wrong for Labour to engineer an Alliance administration unless there was a strong rapport over policy.

Geoffrey Andrews adds: Oxfordshire County Council is to have three chairmen for each of its committees in future — one from each party — as its solution to the balance of power left after the elections at the beginning of the month.

At the annual meeting yesterday the Conservative, Labour and Alliance groups decided that the previous power that was invested in the chair should be split between the three acting as an "urgency sub-committee" and deciding by majority rule.

In Hampshire, where the hung council could lose its balance if the Conservatives press ahead with plans to challenge a close result in Winchester, Mr Philip Merridale, the Tory chairman of the Association of County Councils, was re-elected as a county delegate without the help of Labour votes and Mr Michael Hancock was defeated in an election for the chairmanship of the council, contrary to the impression given in yesterday's Guardian.

LAND CAMPAIGN

State land call by Benn

By James Naughtie

MR Tony Benn will launch a campaign today to commit the Labour Party to the public ownership of land.

Mr Benn intends to introduce a bill into the Commons calling for the public ownership of all land, with exemptions for freeholders, and designed to replace rates as the source of finance for local government.

Mr Benn — new drive

He said last night: "This is the alternative to Mrs Thatcher's rates policy. It will also bring out that rural radicalism which the Labour Party has never really tapped."

Mr Benn's bill, which he intends to present to the Commons in July, has been drawn up in consultation with the Labour Land Campaign and the Campaign Group of Labour MPs, and takes policy much further than the existing party programme and further than the leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, would like.

It heralds a new drive by Mr Benn to attract support among party activists for a series of policy demands which he believes should form the basis of the next general election manifesto.

FALKLANDS

'Wounding remarks'

By our Political Staff

The Prime Minister yesterday condemned reported remarks made by Mr George Foulkes, a Labour foreign affairs spokesman, at the opening of the Falklands airport on Monday as "deeply wounding."

Mr Foulkes was one of the British delegation attending the opening of the new airport and created controversy when he was reported to have said that the mothers of disappeared persons in Argentina had "more guts" than the Falkland islanders had shown.

Mrs Thatcher was asked in the Commons by Mr Ivan Lawrence (C. Burton) whether she agreed that the remarks would have left the Falklanders in no doubt that the Labour Party had not the faintest interest in protecting their rights.

Mrs Thatcher said: "I think those remarks must have been deeply wounding and we on this side reject them."

Mr Stuart Bell (Lab. Middlesbrough complained thatthe Prime Minister should not have been asked about Mr Foulkes as she should only answer questions related to her executive responsibility and not statements made by members of the Labour Party.

Mr Bernard WEatherill' the Speaker, conceded, "I think I was in error in not pulling up the MP. Of course, questions to the Prime Minister must be on her responsibilities.',

HANDICAPPED

PM in new strike row

By our Political Staff

THE Prime Minister has been asked to apologise for the second time during the teachers' dispute over her remarks condemning action taken by teachers at schools for the handicapped.

Mr Frank Cook (Lab, Stockton N) challenged Mrs Thatcher yesterday to apologise over an attack on staff at the Endeavour School for physically handicapped pupils in Middlesbrough made by her last Thursday in the Commons.

The Prime Minister had said she believed that the headmaster was left to cope on his own at lunch-time as teachers were abandoning children confined to wheelchairs.

Mr Cook has received a letter from a teacher at the school which claims that Mr Malcolm Smith, the headmaster, was not left alone to cope during the lunch break but was accompanied by the nursing staff, dinner ladies and teaching auxillaries. Members of the teaching staff were also available in the event of an emergency.

Mrs Thatcher said: "Of course I will receive a copy of that letter." She added: "If it's wrong, I apologise. But I wish to see the facts."

Later, Downing Street denied that Mrs Thatcher had misled the House and said she was right to describe the head master as working single-handed as, although he had the help of ancillary staff, teachers were on strike.

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Kohl told his attitude to SDI damaging German interests

Chancellor accused of subservience to the US

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn

The West German Chancellor was accused yesterday of "eager subservience" to the United States over President Reagan's Star Wars plan and the US trade embargo on Nicaragua.

Mr Hans Jochen-Vogel, for the opposition Social Democrats, told Chancellor Kohl that "we are friends of the American people, but not the vassals of every administration in Washington" during bitter exchanges in the Bundestag.

Dr Khol, whose party—the CDU—was soundly beaten by the SPD in state elections at the weekend, was also told that his handling of President Reagan's visit had damaged West Germany's foreign policy interests.

The chancellor, in a debate specially called to assess the Reagan visit and the recent Western economic summit here, replied that the President's trip was an "historic event" comparable to the 1963 visit of President Kennedy.

While the opposition maintained that Mr Reagan's controversial tour of the Bitburg war cemetery and the former Belsen concentration camp had reopened old wounds in Bonn's relations with America, the Jewish people, and countries which suffered under the Nazis, Dr Kohl said Mr Reagan had won the respect of all Germans by refusing to bow to pressure to call off the visit.

"We are grateful for the American President's gesture of reconciliation in Bergen-Belsen and Bitburg cemetery. The German people, and I shall never forget this," Dr Kohl said in a statement frequently interrupted by opposition jeering.

The Chancellor had "taken on too much" by arranging at the same time the state visit, the summit and the marking of the 40th anniversary of VE Day, Mr Vogel said. "With increasing rapidity, you are facing tasks which you are not up to," he exclaimed.

The SPD leader, Mr Willy Brandt, criticised the Chancellor over German participation in the Strategic Defence Initiative research programme and the Nicaraguan embargo. "If you are too subservient, the point will come where your influence will be nil," Mr Brandt told Dr Kohl.

Both on Nicaragua and on SDI, Dr Kohl had allowed a split to develop with France, the opposition claimed, accusing the Chancellor of moving away from a joint European position on SDI, something still favoured by the Foreign Minister, Mr Genscher.

In a further indication of a German go-it-alone stance on SDI in Europe, the Chancellor said yesterday he had discussed the project in detail with the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, who had agreed that SDI research was justified.

"We have agreed to work closely to gether on this issue and to co-ordinate the German and Japanese positions," he said, adding that Tokyo shared Bonn's belief that participation should depend on a fair exchange of technology.

Mr Brandt deplored the Western summit's "indifference" towards the problems of developing countries, saying that a fraction of excessive arms spending would help save millions from starvation.

Pressure to breach treaty limits

From Michael White in Washington

There are fears that the furious debate within the Reagan Administration between opponents and supporters of the Salt II treaty may result in an agreement to "split the difference," so undermining Soviet compliance.

Yesterday, four senior senators from both parties publicly appealed to the President not to "cast a pall over the arms talks in Geneva" by permitting a US breach.

The United States is close to the limit of 1,200 multi-warhead (MIRV) missiles which the treaty allows to both sides and will pass it in theory when the latest Trident submarine, the USS Alaska, starts its sea trials, probably in mid-September.

There has been a suggestion that a Poseidon submarine be simultaneously taken out of service and put in dry dock. The formula is presented as being in a "grey area" of the treaty, but privately administration officials admit what critics claim: that, legally, it would be a breach and that the only grey area would be the political price, at home and abroad, which the Administration would have to pay.

Hardliners within the Administration, led by the Assistant Secretary of Defence, Mr Richard Perle, have been advocating abandonment of Salt II which the US obeys but never ratified on the grounds that the Russians need the pressure of a US build-up to negotiate deep cuts in Geneva. Many others, including congressmen and some Pentagon generals, believe that US interests are better served by compliance. The Russians are currently having to dismantle more older missiles and submarines in order to comply, even though they are still in breach of the limits in some categories.

President Reagan recently said he had not made up his mind on the issue. But pressure is considerable. The Administration is obliged to report on what are called its "interim restraint" policies — arms controls deals now in existence — to Congress by June.

Public opinion has recently been softened up with claims of alleged Soviet violations of both Salt II, which Mr Reagan once called "fatally flawed," and the 1972 ABM treaty on defensive weapon systems The debate within the Administration is pointing towards a "more flexible" interpretation of the rules.

Alternatives being discussed, according to reports in yesterday's Washington Post, include delaying the Alaska's trials, raising the claim that sea trials do not constitute deployment, or delaying destruction of the Poseidon missiles.

The idea of cutting out the Poseidon's launching bays and reconstructing the Poseidon as a hunter-killer submarine, which would comply with Salt II if it was done openly within 60 days of the Alaska launch, does not appeal to the Administration precisely because it would close the option of redeployment.

The Administration here believes that the Soviet Union has taken the United States for a ride in a wide range of arms control agreements which it has breached. Others, including former Reagan officials anxious "not to sound like leftwing Europeans," believe that a US breach would enable the Russians to deploy their new SS24s without removing older missiles on a one-for-one basis.

Pope hits back hard at liberals

From Derek Brown in Amsterdam

THE Pope fiercely counter-attacked his critics here yesterday, calling on Catholics to resist liberal demands on contraception, divorce, and homosexuality.

"I cannot imagine a Christian society in which divorce, abortion, sexual relationships before marriage, and homosexuality are tolerated," he told an audience of young people in Amersfoort.

The Pope, who was given a rapturous reception by the carefully-selected audience, was visibly more relaxed than at previous events on his controversial visit. He even departed from his prepared speech to display his recently acquired Dutch in jokes and asides.

He told the young audience that the Church had clear answers to social problems. But he added: "Youth must remain the critical conscience of the older people. This Pope is old, too, and he needs you." The youngsters responded with applause and chants of "John Paul Two, we support you."

Earlier, at an open air mass near Maastricht, he strongly defended the Church's conservative line on family and social issues. The family, he insisted, was the basis of society. Divorce and birth control were "human failings" which ought to be resisted.

The open air Mass, although marred by high winds and threatening clouds, was the best attended event of the four-day papal tour of the Netherlands, marked by liberal criticism, sporadic violent demonstrations, and widespread public apathy. The attendance was estimated at between 40,000 and 60,000. The organisers had hoped for 100,000 and special trains were laid on to bring the faithful from all over the country.

Only about 1,000 people used the trains to Maastricht — fewer, according to a railway spokesman, than on a normal working day. Many of the worshippers, and the 30,000 crowd which lined the Pope's procession route, are thought to have crossed nearby borders from West Germany and Belgium.

There were the normal, strict security precautions yesterday, and no trouble was reported. Police said they had arrested half a dozen people, most of them for carrying "projectiles."

One youth was detained for having a box containing a dead rat.

Police also closed one of the approach roads, following a bomb warning. But nothing was found. Elsewhere, police raided property occupied by squatters in Den Bosch and recovered stolen police radio equipment. It had been used in the town on Saturday to disrupt police communications during the Pope's visit, with broadcasts of the satirical hit song, "Popie-Jopie."

In Amsterdam yesterday morning, a statue of Christ was decapitated by anti-papal protesters. Students of the city's Catholic theological school issued a strong protest against the conservative bishop of Haarlem, who had pronounced that homosexuals had no place in the church.

The students, echoing widespread criticism by Dutch liberal Catholics, said the bishop's message had been discriminatory and insulting.

● The Pope has told the Franciscans of the order of Friars Minor to correct what he called theories and practices outside their tradition. In a letter to the Order published yesterday in the Vatican newspaper, the Pope also said he was appointing a personal delegate to oversee a meeting that will elect a new Superior General.

No Popery: A young protester in Maastricht is dragged away by police guarding the papal progress.

Ortega wants Reagan summit

From Roy Gutman in Washington

President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua has agreed to a suggestion by Archbishop John O'Connor of New York for a summit meeting with President Reagan.

President Ortega supported the idea in a message to the archbishop in which he criticised the Reagan Administration for conducting "an illegal and immoral war of aggression," but pledged he would make "all possible efforts to promote peace."

The Nicaraguan ambassador, Mr Carlos Tunnerman, said that he had sent a copy of the cable to the State Department, but officials said that they were not aware of it.

The message was released on the eve of a second round of congressional debates on US aid to Nicaraguan rebels. Three weeks ago, Congress rejected Mr Reagan's request for $14 million in military aid but, after Mr Ortega's recent trip to Moscow and other Soviet bloc countries, leaders of both parties predicted that a similar amount in humanitarian aid will be approved.

In an interview, Mr Tunnerman said that Nicaragua would regard humanitarian aid as "military logistics" and would continue criticising US actions in forums such as the World Court and the United Nations. Nicaragua did not plan any direct retaliation but would seek a resumption of talks with the US, broken off in January by Washington.

Nicaragua, responding to the US trade embargo, has urged the US to "renounce its illegal policy of force," accept the jurisdiction of the World Court and return to the diplomatic talks.

In his message to Archbishop O'Connor, Mr Ortega said of the summit idea: "We believe it would provide an excellent opportunity to search for constructive formulas in order to resolve our differences according to the interests of our countries."

President Ortega, in Rome on a two-day visit, was told by the Socialist Prime Minister, Mr Bettino Craxi yesterday that Italy will continue its aid to the Sandinistas. — Newsday.

Tony Jenkins adds from Tegucigalpa: Hundreds of refugees are fleeing their homes near the southern border with Nicaragua, where fighting has spilled over into Honduras.

In the village of Las Trojes, in the south of the country, nearly 1,000 refugees from Honduran villages have confirmed that Sandinista troops crossed the border in strength at least twice in the last 10 days to attack "contras."

The refugees say the Sandinistas have used multiple rocket-launchers to attack rebel positions in and around their villages. Officials report at least five casualties, including one Honduran soldier killed.

Honduras has protested to Nicaragua. Managua has denied the accusations.

The Honduran army has declared the border zone an area of emergency and mobilised hundreds of troops.

Pole forced to quit after priest's death

Warsaw: A Communist Party leader, responsible for internal security affairs when police murdered a radical pro-Solidarity priest last October, was removed yesterday from the party politburo and central committee.

The central committee accepted the resignation of Mr Miroslaw Milewski, aged 57, from his posts at a plenary session in Warsaw, the party spokesman, Mr Jerzy Majka, told a press conference.

Mr Milewski was responsible for internal security when four Interior Ministry policemen kidnapped and murdered Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the Warsaw priest who preached fiery sermons in defence of Solidarity.

The four were found guilty this year and sentenced to a total of 79 years in gaol, but they denied at their trial that the plot against the priest had involved security officials higher than themselves.

However, the party leader, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, denounced the murder as an assault by hardliners on his authority and early last November took over Mr Milewski's duties as party supervisor of the Interior Ministry.

Mr Majka said that Mr Milewski had resigned for personal reasons and had not attended the plenum. He added: "There is no connection whatsoever with the killing of Father Popieluszko."

Western diplomats here had expected the dismissal of Mr Milewski from the highest ranks of the party since General Jaruzelski took over.

The extent to which he was in disgrace, however, was shown by the fact that he not only lost his politburo membership and a central committee secretaryship but was removed entirely from the committee, the diplomats said.

Meanwhile, a convicted murderer who approached the Solidarity leader, Mr Lech Walesa, and claimed he had been offered money to kill him has been detained for investigation.

The public prosecutor in Gdansk said yesterday that Jozef Szczepanski was arrested on May 9 after he went to Mr Walesa's Gdansk apartment to warn him about the plot.

Mr Szczepanski, aged 34, was gaoled for 11 years in 1981 for murder and was on compassionate leave from prison, because his wife was suffering from cancer, when he spoke to Mr Walesa. He had made several suicide attempts and had received psychiatric treatment. — Reuter.

Tough rules likely for coal industry

From Alex Scott in Brussels

A row about EEC plans to phase out subsidies to the coal industry broke out in the European Parliament yesterday after the EEC Commissioner responsible for the coal industry, Mr Nic Mosar, refused to deny reports that the Commission would propose a tough new policy when deciding on amended rules within the next fortnight.

"The Commission is attempting to knock the guts out of the coal industry in Europe," the Labour MEP, Mr Les Huckfield, said after hearing the commissioner's statement.

According to widely-leaked documents from the Commission; the new policy would close a number of so-called profitless pits.

Mr Mosar claimed that this was only one of a series of working documents being considered by the Commission, but confirmed that where production is not profitable, subsidies should be reduced progressively. He also admitted that aid to the coal industry will in any case increase "in the coming years," but that later certain subsidies would have to be cut.

The commissioner's comments seemed to back the line taken by the British Government.

Aids now a world problem

GENEVA: Cases of Aids are doubling in number every year in the US and Europe and the killer disease seems to have become a world problem, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said yesterday.

The death rate among identified cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome was 40 to 50 per cent, it said. But it would probably rise above 90 per cent when clinically identified patients had been under observation for two to three years, the organisation said.

About 11,000 cases have been reported in all continents since the disease, which destroys the body's natural defences, was first identified in 1981, it said.

"Aids appears today be a world public health problem," it added. "In the US and Europe, careful surveillance has shown that the number of cases doubled every six months up to 1983, and is now doubling every year."

More than 9,000 cases have been reported in the US, 800 in Europe and several hundred in Africa. Cases have also been reported in Asia and the western Pacific, particularly Australia, the WHO said.

Active research was being carried out towards an effective vaccine.

KGB men chasing Phantoms

From Martin Walker in Moscow

In a night raid on the home of two members of the Phantom Group of musicians in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi, the KGB confiscated bibles, religious books and clippings from the Western press, including a Guardian report on one of the group's first concerts, dissident sources said yesterday.

The raid, on the home of the Gulava brothers, began on Monday evening, while they were escorting their mother to Tbilisi airport for a flight to Moscow. Her departure was forbidden and her internal passport confiscated, the sources said.

During the raid, the KGB also confiscated two typewriters, a message from the Georgian group which monitors the Helsinki accords, and a statement from the Phantom Group.

The group brings together Georgian, Jewish, Christian and other musicians to give unauthorised public concerts in private flats. Many have repeatedly been refused exit visas by the authorities.

Last month, the group suffered its first direct harassment, when a non-Jewish musician was questioned by the KGB and warned to stay away as the group was "behaving in an anti-Soviet way."

Why the Kremlin faces both ways, page 21

Dioxin 3 acquitted

MILAN: Three officials of the Icmesa chemical plant at Seveso, site of the dioxin disaster in 1976, were acquitted by an appeal court yesterday of criminal responsibility. Two others had their sentences reduced.

The five were given prison terms ranging from 2½ to five years by a court in Monza in 1983 after four of them were convicted of wilfully omitting safety precautions and the fifth was found guilty of involuntary negligence.

An explosion at the Swiss-owned plant in July, 1976, sent a cloud of highly toxic dioxin over the surrounding area.

Those acquitted were the former Icmesa chairman, Mr Guy Waldwogel, the plant designer, Mr Fritz Moeri, and the technical director Mr Giovanni Radice.

The former managing director, Herwig Von Zwehl and the technical director, Jorg-Anton Sambeth, had their five-year sentences cut to two years and 18 months respectively.—Reuter.

Spanish Nato referendum 'not binding'

From Jane Walker in Madrid

The government would not consider as binding the results of a referendum to decide Spain's continued membership of Nato.

The Prime Minister, Mr Felipe Gonzalez, said yesterday that he would decide whether to honour the referendum after seeing the size of the majority.

Mr Gonzalez, who was travelling to Stockholm for an official visit during which he will address the disarmament conference, said that he would not feel bound to accept the results of the referendum if a large percentage of the population abstained when asked for their opinion on continued membership of Nato.

He declined to say what he considered a "quantitative majoriay" but added: "We will have to establish a level of participation beyond which the referendum would be morally, but not legally, binding."

He suggested that a fair level would be 50 per cent of the electorate plus one. In no case, he added, would a negative vote for Nato force Spain to adopt a neutral or non-aligned position.

The Prime Minister has promised a referendum to consult Spaniards on the controversial question of Nato membership and assured them that it would be held within the first three months of next year.

The latest opinion poll on Nato membership — taken at the end of April — surprised the government, which had hoped that Mr Gonzalez's backing for membership would persuade many of his supporters to follow his line. But the poll showed that 54 per cent of Spaniards were against remaining in the alliance, and only 19 per cent in favour.

Twenty-seven per cent of those questioned said either they did not know or would abstain.

Mr Gonzalez denied that he would call an early general election if the Nato vote went against him. In any event, he added, an election would have to be held before October, 1986, when the government's four-year term expires.

The Nato issue would be included in the parties' electoral programmes and those who favoured leaving the alliance could vote for an anti-Nato party, which now means the Communist Party.

As the Socialist Party remains the most popular party in the country, with its leader, Mr Gonzalez, the most popular politician, the Prime Minister would have little difficulty in being re-elected.

Generals 'knew' of dirty war

Buenos Aires: A former military president has told the trial of Line ex-junta leaders that they could not claim ignorance about human rights violations by the armed forces in their seven-year "dirty war" against leftwingers and opponents.

General Alejandro Lanusse, who left office in 1973, before the start of human rights violations during a second period of military rule from 1976, accused three fellow generals of involvement in the 1977 disappearance of his former press secretary, Edgardo Sajon.

Asked by the court whether Sajon might still be alive, he said: "I would not hold any illusions about that."

General Lanusse was testifying in the fourth week of the trial of the former military leaders, including ex-presidents Jorge Videla, Roberto Viola and Leopoldo Galtieri, the the abduction, torture and death of over 9,000 Argentines.

He also spoke of the abduction and murder in 1978 of his cousin, a diplomat, Elena Holmberg, said by relatives to have been killed because she knew too much about the unofficial activities of a navy propaganda centre set up in Paris.

General Lanusse said that he accompanied Holmberg's relatives to a meeting with General Guillermo Suarez Mason, then head of the First Army Corps, after the diplomat's body was washed ashore on a river bank near Buenos Aires. A police officer showed them a body which was not Holmberg's, drawing a sharp reprimand from General Suarez Mason.

General Lanusse said that the officer told General Suarez Mason: "Don't forget, General, that more than 8,000 bodies have been thrown into the river."—Reuter.

Unknown President tackles the legacy of Tito

From Barney Petrovic in Belgrade

RADOVAN VLAJKOVIC becomes President of Yugoslavia, possibly the most important economic and industrial power in the Balkans, today. Few people in the world will ever have heard of him.

Even in his own country, where he represents the northern province of Vojvodina in the collective state Presidency, Mr Vlajkovic, aged 63, is relatively unknown.

He takes over from Veselin Djuranovic of Montenegro under a system of rotation which enables each of Yugoslavia's six constituent republics and two autonomous provinces to assume the presidency for one year, in turn. The system was designed by the late President Tito to prevent any region or any personality dominating the others.

Tito died in 1980. Many Yugoslavs look back fondly at his era, when they lived better and had less to worry about. But many now admit that present economic problems, with all their political and social repercussions, are rooted in that time.

Frustrated new leaders, unable to wield the enormous authority of their great predecessor, have begun making startling revelations in an obvious attempt to justify their own difficulties. Thus, the Yugoslavs have only belatedly learnt that their country's hard currency foreign debt now amounts to $19 billion and that, together with interest, double that sum will have to be repaid in a period extending into the next century. From the problem of the debt has stemmed many other difficulties.

The Communist Party, meant as a unifying force, has split along regional lines, with local bosses defending local interests in a difficult economic situation. The party's higher echelons are divided between those advocating new methods, and new people, to cope with the crisis and those resisting change.

Inflation is currently 80 per cent, annually, and the unemployment total is over one million. Living standards have fallen by nearly 50 per cent in five years. Many people are already living on or below the poverty line.

With an average monthly wage of only about $100, a four-member family needs double that sum for food alone. As a result, many families in Belgrade, for example, cannot even afford money for rent, gas or electricity.

The party organised an open political debate among its 2.2 million members to discuss the problems, something unthinkable in Tito's era. The leadership was strongly criticised. Yet while some of the leaders admit that something must be done, no one seems ready to accept radical solutions.

Hamdija Pozderac, a senior Bosnian leader, said: "We are against those who want to change everything and those wishing to keep everything."

Many party members are disappointed at the lack of action and increasingly disinterested in the party. Six hundred thousand workers have left the party in the last decade and young people who make up 80 per cent of the unemployed seem similarly disillusioned.

In the 165-member policy-making Central Committee, only 8 per cent are workers. The rest are politicians and managers representing their regions or industrial and business units. Their different and often opposing interest make it increasingly difficult for self-management to function properly. Even when consensus is reached, the solutions are by no means certain to be implemented.

Excessive decentralisation can lead to absurdities, such as a train travelling across Yugoslavia from Greece to Italy or Austria having to change engines five times — once for each republic.

Many people hope that the next party congress, due in June, 1986, will change things. But the economic difficulties are piling up despite assistance from Western countries, including Britain.

There have, however, been no violent protests, street demonstrations or large strikes. Decentralised Yugoslavia is no Poland. Few people would opt for a centrally-run authority and thus risk losing freedoms unmatched in Communist Eastern Europe.

Last month's congress of Yugoslav writers, the first in 10 years, unanimously called for more freedom to criticise and suggest solutions, without fear of persecution. "We are fighting for freedom and democracy and against those struggling to preserve their power and privileges within a totalitarian regime," one claimed.

Such statements are not always received with benevolence. While the leadership does not appear to be over-worried, Mr Pozderac warned: "We shall use a strong hand if our system is jeopardised."

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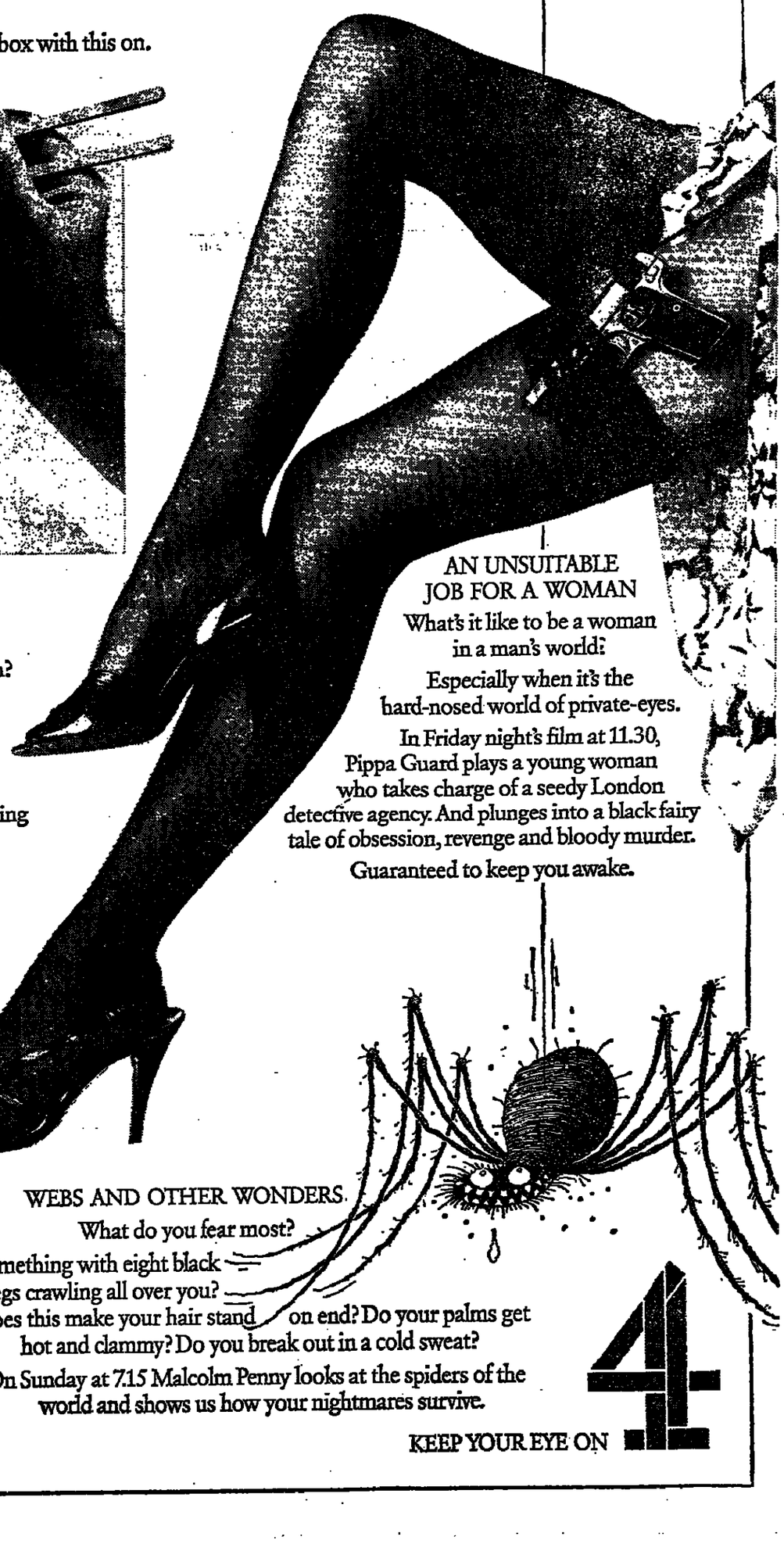

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For informal discussion contact Miss M. Malinowski, Manager, Wetherby Centre on Derby 49655.

Written requests for application forms to: Director of Social Services, County Offices, Matlock, DE4 3AG. Closing date: 3 June 1935.

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Application form and further details are obtainable from: Manager, Llandudno and North Wales Housing Trust Ltd., 1 Penrhyn Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8LG. Tel: (0492) 33403/4.

Closing date: 31st May, 1985.

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We are now seeking staff for both divisions to fill existing vacancies. People who will bring, as well as their professional expertise, the innovative thinking, persuasive skills, and particularly, the determination, to achieve results.

We would welcome secondments from academic institutions and people who wish to develop working relationships with academic institutions.

Appointments to these posts will be made on salary scales between £8,628 and £16,694 p.a. inc. (pay rise pending) and will be based at the Regional Headquarters in Paddington. For many posts, extensive travel within the Region will be necessary.

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Scale 18 Ref 124

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Scale 14 Ref 125

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Scale 14 Ref 126

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For an informal discussion please contact Sue Budd on 01-262 8011, Ext. 160.

MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Essentially, this division, managed by Ken Page, will provide a consultancy service to District Health Authorities within the Region for organisation development and analysis, problem solving, and systems design. Emphasis will be placed on creating a climate for change and in identifying opportunities to support the highest standards of patient care.

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Scale 18 Ref 127

Organisation & Systems Development Consultants

Scales 9 and 14 Ref 128

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For an informal discussion please contact Sue Faulkner on 01-262 8011, Ext. 238.

Application forms and job descriptions, quoting appropriate Ref. No. from Mrs. G. Hatley, H.Q. Employee Services, North West Thames Regional Health Authority, 40 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 3QR, telephone 01-262 8011, Ext. 247 or 238.

Closing date: 31st May 1985.

North West Thames Regional Health Authority

HEALTH

Sheffield Health Authority

UNIT GENERAL MANAGERS

(10 Posts)

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Salaries for these posts will be negotiable but even for the smaller Units persons earning less than £15,000 per annum are unlikely to have the requisite experience.

Application forms and full details of the posts and Units are available from the District Personnel Officer, Sheffield Health Authority, Westbrook House, Sharrow Vale Road, Sheffield, S11 8EU (telephone (0742) 686911, ext. 150). Closing date for receipt of completed application forms: June 7.

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Full details of the posts, employment package and application forms are available from District Personnel Officer, South Lincolnshire Health Authority, Eastgate, Sleaford (telephone 0529 303241 Ext. 177), to whom completed forms must be returned by 12 noon, June 4, 1985.

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Job description and application form from the District Personnel Officer, Sheffield Health Authority, Westbrook House, Sharrow Vale Road, Sheffield, S11 8EU (telephone (0742) 686911, ext. 150). Closing date for receipt of applications: June 7.

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For informal discussion contact Mr John Hewett, Principal Social Worker on Reading 586111. Application forms from Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Abbey Mill House, Abbey Square, Reading, RG1 3BE. Tel: Reading 586111 Ext 500. Closing Date: 3rd June

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Application forms and details from Personnel Dept., P.M.S.U., Civic Centre, Walsall WS1 1TP. Tel: Walsall 21244, ext. 2064/2066.

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For an application form and further details write to PCDA Ltd., 37A St Aubyn Street, Devonport, Plymouth PL1 4DZ.

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For an informal discussion please contact Miss C. Price, District Physiotherapist, on 01-272 3070, Ext 4656 or Miss Dunmett, District Occupational Therapist, on Ext. 4673.

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To work with general medical, orthopaedic and elderly patients within the acute unit at the Whittington and Royal Northern Hospitals.

The Occupational Therapy service has a total staffing establishment of 46, and there is good liaison between professional staff throughout the District, including Social Services. Staff have opportunities for professional and personal development, study leave, plus contact with and responsibility for student training.

For an informal discussion please contact Anne Dummett, District Occupational Therapist, on 01-272 3070, Ext. 4673.

Or for application forms and job descriptions write to: Hospital Personnel Department, Whittington Hospital, St. Mary's Wing, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5NF, or telephone 01-272 9679. Closing date for return of applications: 31st May, 1985. Please quote appropriate reference number.

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For an application form, write or telephone, quoting post reference number, to:

County Personnel Officer, West Midlands County Council, County Hall, 1 Lancaster Circus, Queensway, Birmingham B4 7DJ. Telephone No. 021-300 7825. A 24-hour telephone answering service is in operation.

Closing date for receipt of applications: 29th May, 1985

"The County Council has a positive Equal Opportunities Policy to ensure that all applicants are treated fairly". All posts are open to female and male applicants.

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The person appointed will be given the opportunity to undertake research in a chosen field of interest and evidence of previous research will be an additional qualification.

A knowledge of Welsh highly desirable.

Sleeping-in duty will be required for which the appropriate allowance will be paid. Board and accommodation can be provided for a single person if required.

Application forms and further particulars from County Personnel Officer, County Offices, Caernarfon. Closing date: 27th May, 1985.

Leisure Services

Director of Leisure Services

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Following the retirement of the present postholder we now require an appropriately qualified and experienced man or woman for this post.

The main areas of responsibility are for the Arts, Countryside, Libraries, Sports, Tourism, Youth and Community. The Director will be a member of the Chief Officers' Panel. JNC for Chief Officers Conditions of Service apply.

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Further details are available from the Clerk of the County Council and Chief Executive at County Hall, Tel. Nottingham (0602) 823823 Ext. 3887. Closing date 7 June. Please quote ref. 110.

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Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall - West Bridgford
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Israelis lose out to Arab enemy

From Ian Black in Jerusalem

Israel's armed forces are losing their traditional edge over the Arab enemy because of an increasing serious shortage of engineers and technicians needed to operate and maintain complex modern military equipment, according to an official government report.

The report, by the state comptroller, expresses acute concern about a 22 per cent lack of qualified technical manpower in crucial operational fields throughout the various armed services and warns that the gap is likely to widen in the future. The shortage — especially of electronics experts — is already damaging the ability of the Israel Defence Forces to develop weapons systems, it says.

The report, which provides a rare if selective glimpse of the state of the IDF, states that the manpower shortfall in 1984 was 10 per cent in the airforce, 33 per cent in the navy, 30 per cent in the ordnance corps, 40 per cent in the communications corps and 23 per cent in intelligence.

The comptroller also found that general shortages of academic personnel in the military had been growing since 1979 and will increase if the trend is not halted. The intelligence corps, for example, is known to be suffering from a lack of Arabic speakers.

By 1992, the comptroller states, there will be a shortage of between 18,000 and 23,000 engineers and technicians if no increases in military needs above those now projected are made.

The report notes that in 1980 2,700 Israelis were awarded degrees in science, mathematics, engineering and architecture compared to more than 16,000 in Syria, Egypt, Jordan and Iraq — the countries viewed as potential participants in a future war against the Jewish state. "The ratios between the Arab graduates and those in Israel is worrying in terms of maintaining Israel's qualitative edge," the report states.

The comptroller's report is the first of its kind to be published since last year's large cuts in the defence budget.

Israeli spy released on parole

From our Correspondent in Jerusalem

Israel's longest serving Jewish political prisoner, convicted over 12 years ago for spying for Syria, was released from gaol yesterday after being granted a one-third reduction of his original sentence.

The prisoner, Mr Udi Adiv, aged 44, was freed from Ramle gaol in central Israel on condition that he refrain from any political activity. He said that he regretted his crime and was thrilled to be free.

Mr Adiv's involvement in a joint-Jewish-Arab espionage group grew out of his activity in one of the fringe anti-Zionist and Marxist groups that flourished in Israel in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The Shin Bet security service, Israel's equivalent of MI5, is known to have opposed his early release.

In Damascus, three Syrians convicted of spying for Israel were hanged at dawn yesterday.

The identities of the three were listed on white paper sheets pinned to their bodies as Tewfik Abbas, Farid Darwish and Muhieddin Hourani.

A Syrian military court found them guilty of "passing classified information and jeopardising the state security to the Israeli enemy," military sources said.

The bodies were left dangling from the gallows for three hours for the public to see.

Threat of resignation by Peres

From our Correspondent in Jerusalem

The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, yesterday threatened to resign if a parliamentary committee failed to approve a proposed tax reform. Mr Peres was not expected to carry out the threat, but it was seen as an expression of his growing impatience with the difficulty of pushing through long overdue economic austerity measures.

"If it is impossible to work together, my responsibility is to go to the President and inform him it is impossible to run the State like this," the Prime Minister told members of the Knesset finance committee.

The normally mild-mannered Israeli leader was speaking as the results of Monday's elections to the Histadrut trades union federation showed a slight improvement for his Labour party and a decline for the rightwing Likud.

Although the final results will not be published until today preliminary figures released yesterday showed Labour with 57 per cent

New York affidavit reveals

Indian revolution sought

Sikh plotters planned to blow up atomic plants

From Mark Tran in Washington

The Sikhs who allegedly plotted to kill the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, during his trip to the US next month also planned to blow up nuclear plants in India. An affidavit filed in New York yesterday revealed an ambitious plot not only to kill Mr Rajiv but to "cause the revolutionary overthrow of the government of India."

The FBI uncovered the plot by infiltrating an agent into the Sikh group. Referred to as "A" he has received a Congressional Medal of Honour for his service in Vietnam and is an expert on guerrilla warfare.

Posing as an Alabaman with expertise in explosives and weapons, he was introduced to two of the plotters in a New York hotel room in January.

The two Sikhs told him that they represented a group whose purpose was to cause the revolutionary overthrow of the Indian Government by creating a loss of confidence. In addition to nuclear power plants, the group planned to bomb bridges, hotels, and government buildings.

At the same meeting, the two men asked the agent to provide their group with military training in the US, specifically in the use of automatic weapons, chemical warfare and urban guerrilla tactics. They also asked for plastic explosives and machineguns to be smuggled into India for the group's use and false US passports to facilitate entry and exit from India. The meeting was monitored with electronic surveillance equipment.

There were two other meetings. In February the agent asked how much explosives the group needed. According to the affidavit, one Sikh replied: "Enough to blow up a bridge the size of the Triboro, Brooklyn or Queensboro bridge and also enough for a large 36-storey building."

He went on to specify the type of machineguns the group wanted and said eventually grenade launchers would be needed.

At a third meeting in April, the two men drove the agent to a location in New Jersey that had been allegedly chosen as a training ground. The agent was told that they were looking for someone to assassinate Mr Gandhi during his trip to the US. They selected one of three plans suggested by "A" and decided to start training on May 6.

A Sikh, Mr Gupartap Birk, was arrested on May 4 and indicated along with four other Sikhs for another murder attempt — on the Chief Minister of Maryana, Mr Bhajan Lal, during his stay in New Orleans.

In Washigton, Mr Rajwant Singh, a spokesman for the National Association of Sikhs, condemned the alleged plot.

"The Sikh community in America has nothing to do with this," he said.

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Gandhi will go ahead with visit to US

From Eric Silver in New Delhi

The Indian Government yesterday rejected appeals from MPs of all parties to cancel Mr Rajiv Gandhi's visit to the United States, following the revelation that the FBI had uncovered a plot by American Sikhs to kill the Prime Minister.

The Finance Minister, Mr V. P. Singh, leader of the Upper House, assured MPs that the Government would take the fullest measures in coordination with the US authorities to ensure Mr Gandhi's safety. The Prime Minister is due in Washington next month to open a "Festival of India." He is also planning to visit Paris, Moscow, and Cairo this summer.

India yesterday registered its appreciation of the American success in foiling the plot and arresting five of the seven men alleged to be involved. "We note with satisfaction that legal processes have been started against the arrested persons," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said, recalling that India had repeatedly warned foreign governments about the anti-Indian activities of expatriate extremists.

The security services yesterday continued their investigation of the terror bombings that killed more than 80 civilians in Delhi and three neighbouring states at the weekend. One of three alleged Sikh terrorists arrested in the capital died in hospital on Monday, apparently as a result of police torture.

The Indian Express reported yesterday that the suspect, Mohinder Singh, had serious injuries all over his body. Earlier on Sunday, he had been brought to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries sustained during arrest. "He was seen coming in, walking," the newspaper reported, "and he left walking."

When the other two Sikhs accused were produced before a magistrate for remand on Monday afternoon, the police told the court that Mohinder Singh had been taken to hospital because he was refusing food and water.

The principal suspect, Kartar Singh Narang, a 54-year-old lawyer, was assisted into court with his hands and feet chained. Reporters saw him slump when some of the police let go.

Members of Mr Andries Raditsela's family and hundreds of union members cram the Methodist church in Tsakane yesterday for his funeral service

Bombs hit home town of dead SA union leader

From Patrick Laurence in Tsakane

Thousands of blacks yesterday converged on a tiny church in this little known township to pay homage to Mr Andries Raditsela, the trade union leader who died of brain injuries last week after being released from detention by police.

There was, however, little response from black workers in South Africa, to a call by trade unions for them to either stay away for the whole day or to participate in a two-hour stoppage.

One exception was Mr Raditsela's hometown of Brakpan where many black workers stayed home and there were three bomb explosions. The targets were government buildings: the police quarters, the commissioner's court where black influx control offenders are tried and the office of the messenger of the court. Nobody was hurt in the blasts.

At Tsakane, hundreds of blacks, many wearing T-shirts and caps proclaiming their allegiance to trade unions and political organisations, squeezed into the small Methodist church.

Several thousand more gathered in the church yard outside, overflowing on to the nearby streets and even on to the roofs of houses across the road. Relayed by loud-speakers, the speeches from inside the church boomed into the massed ranks of blacks.

As the crowd shouted their approval of speakers who denounced apartheid and the detention without trial, armoured vehicles, carrying police and soldiers, rolled by regularly only two blocks away.

The president of the 130,000-member Federation of South African trade unions Mr Chris Dlamini referred to the police and soldiers in his funeral oration. They were forced to occupy the townships because the whites has "stolen our country," he told the crowd.

Bishop Simeon Nkoane, Suffragan Anglican bishop of Johannesburg, appealed to blacks to use the death of Mr Raditsela as an opportunity to end quarrels in their own ranks. "Unless we have reconciliation we will commit suicide," he said.

Tsakane was the scene of fierce fighting last week between migrant workers housed in barrack-like hostels and family-based residents. Sixteen blacks died in the fratricidal strife.

Several speakers blamed the police for inciting the migrant workers against township folk. Their accusations drew shouts of approval.

Interspersed with the strident tones of overtly political speeches and the chorused cries of political slogans were softly-sung hymns.

The display of black power in Tsakane, however, was note laced with hostility to the local and international pressmen. The black solidarity at Tsakane, however, seemed not to be matched by the response of black workers generally.

Reports of South African transport services and bus companies pointed to a near normal inflow of black workers. Major employer organisations similarly reported minimal disruption of production schedules.

Even allowing for some selective perspection by these organisations—trade union spokesmen were at the funeral and not in a position to give an immediate assessment—the response certainly fell far short of the massive stay-away by workers last November.

Police reported six more deaths from persistent anti-apartheid rioting in black townships and several clashes between police and rock-throwing blacks. In the vast Soweto township, stone-throwing broke out in several neighbourhoods and buses stopped running into the township, forcing thousands of commuters to walk home. Police used bird-shot and rubber bullets in some cases.

Russia alleges Pakistan involved in PoW deaths

From Alex Brodie in Islamabad

The Soviet Union and Afghanistan have lodged formal protests with Pakistan over the alleged killing last month of about 24 Soviet and Afghan prisoners, being held by Afghan guerrillas at a camp inside Pakistan.

The Soviet ambassador here, Mr Vitaly Smirnov, said the incident proved that Pakistan was involved in the war in Afghanistan, and that Pakistani soil was used by Afghan guerrillas.

The Soviet envoy also alleges that Pakistani defence personnel were involved in the incident. "We have all the details, we even know the names," he claimed.

Mr Smirnov says he has received no response from President Mohammed Zia-el-Moy.

He demanded the names of the Soviet prisoners and the return of their bodies. But that might be difficult as the prisoners were "blown to bits," according to reliable Afghan exile sources.

In the April 27 incident, up to 12 Soviet and about as many Afghan prisoners who had been captured inside Afghanistan and were being held by guerrillas at a camp just south of Peshawar, broke free from their guards and took over an ammunition store at the camp.

They were demanding to be taken out of guerrilla hands and handed over to Pakistani authorities, or the International Red Cross—exactly who is not clear—although Mr Smirnov says they wanted to be taken to the Soviet embassy.

After a night of negotiations, the guerrillas decided to end the siege. They blew up the ammunition dump and the prisoners. The depot went on exploding for over two hours, and nearby villagers lay on the ground terrified as ignited rockets flew overhead.

Pakistani officials have denied that there are or were Soviet prisoners held by guerrillas on Pakistani soil.

Despite the known fact that arms come through Pakistan to guerrilla leaders with headquarters in Pakistan, the government's official position is that it gives no help to guerrillas, only humanitarian aid to refugees.

Botswana deplores 'cowardly' car bomb killings of refugee

Gaborone: A powerful car bomb yesterday killed a black South African political refugee in Gaborone, capital of neighbouring Botswana, one of southern Africa's "frontline" states.

Police said that Vernon Nkadimeng, son of the general secretary of the banned South African Congress of Trade Unions, lived in a apartment near the scene of the explosion. President Quett Masire called the attack cowardly and brutal, but threw no light on who might be responsible.

The apartments and two neighbouring houses were badly damaged, but no one was seriously hurt by the blast, heard several miles away.

The blast, near a primary school mainly for children of expatriates, scattered remains of the victim over a wide area. It was the second blast here in three months.

Two other South African refugees were injured in February when their house was bombed.

President Masire offered condolences to the refugee's family in a radio broadcast.

Botswana is home for about 500 South African refugees who fled because of apartheid.

Its relations with South Africa have been uneasy for some time, and earlier this year Pretoria threatened to send its forces across the border in pursuit of black nationalist guerrillas. — Reuter.

Botswana moved a number of South Africans out of the country after talks on security issue with Pretoria in March. The Botswana Government says that recent incidents here were perpetrated by people crossing the border from South Africa or the Bophuthatswana "homeland" in pursuit of black militants.

South African policy is to try to remove guerrillas of the banned African National Congress from neighbouring states.

The two men, one of them a journalist, were advised to leave the country for their own safety.

Port calls discussed

Peking: Sino-US talks are continuing on a possible visit of American warships to China despite the postponement of a Shanghai port call due this week, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

US officials in Washington said on Monday that the long-planned visit had been put off because of a controversy about whether the vessels would be nuclear-armed or powered. They denied the visit had been cancelled.

Yesterday's Chinese statement did not mention the postponement. "Regarding the proposed US ship visit to China, there still remain a number of issues to be settled," the spokesman said. "The two sides still maintain contact and continue discussions on the matter."

Plans for the Shanghai visit, which would be the first by the US navy to a Chinese port since the Communist victory in 1949, foundered last month when senior Chinese officials said that Washington had undertaken not to send nuclear-armed or nuclear-powered ships.

The US, which refuses as a matter of policy to say which ships carry nuclear arms, quickly issued a denial.

Painless fingerprint

Tokyo: Japan is to introduce a new method of fingerprinting foreigners aimed at reducing the psychological pain of the process.

The Justice Ministry said yesterday that, from July 1, a transparent fluid will replace the black ink now used to record prints when foreigners register as resident aliens.

This would mitigate the "psychological pain" caused by leaving a subject's fingers coated with ink, it said.

Most of this pain is felt by the estimated 700,000 Koreans in Japan, who have to be fingerprinted every five years, even though their families have lived here since being brought in for forced labour during the second world war

One Korean protester, a 28-year-old teacher, Mr Lee Sang-Ho, has just been released from 10 days' gaol after going on hunger strike. He said of the new ruling: "It's a sham . . . we will continue our resistance to the last."—Reuter.

Lagos sends aliens back home by ship

Lagos: Illegal immigrants ordered out of the country but stranded when land borders were closed last week were being sent home yesterday by ship.

But others were expected to face further delays in leaving after they failed to drive out by road on Monday.

The police chief at the ports, Mr Abdullahi Jika, said that four ships had left in the past two days, two were due out yesterday and he hoped three more would leave today. About 4,500 people left by sea on Monday and yesterday's target was 6,000.

Thousands were trapped in the country when a Nigerian ultimatum to 700,000 illegal immigrants to legalise their status or leave expired on Friday and the country's land borders were closed. About half the immigrants were Ghanaian.

More than 400 vehicles packed with immigrants drove back to the Nigeria-Benin border from Lagos on Monday, but were stopped from leaving by police. The immigrants said that four of their number died in a shooting incident, but this could not be confirmed.

The immigrants, trapped in long queues when the borders closed on Friday, had been ordered back to a transit camp in Lagos by the Government to wait for ships.

But they said that they wanted to go home by road and set off again in convoy for the border. Large groups of them had already clashed with riot police at the camp.

Passengers already on board the Ghanaian ship, Bia River, at Apapa port complained yesterday that new arrivals were being allowed to travel free while they had paid their fare to Ghana.

On the dockside, people queued, bowls in hand, for free food, the first meal in days for some. — Reuter.

Harare works 'farming miracle'

By Martine Dennis

ZIMBABWE is fast becoming the agricultural showpiece of Africa with a bumper harvest expected this year of maize, coffee, cotton and tobacco. The yields may be 15 per cent higher than those of last year.

There are three sectors in the industry: large commercial white farmers; small communal black farmers; and the newest group, the peasant farmers who have been allocated land under government resettlement schemes.

Perhaps the most remarkable development is the increase in the communal sector's output which at 300 per cent up on last year is three times larger than that of the more established commercial farms.

Half of this year's expected $Z100 million (£51 million) income from cotton will be produced by the communal farms. There are two main reasons for the massive increase: rains came late last year, breaking a three-year cycle of drought, and the government's total commitment to the small farmer.

The expected combined earnings from tobacco, cotton, coffee, and maize will amount to about $Z100 million, more than half of which will come as much-needed foreign exchange.

Zimbabwe's success story is often attributed to luck. Rain has improved the farmer's lot, but the British-born Agricultural Minister, Senator Denis Norman, said recently: "We struggled for three years to maintain all systems and even last year we had a record tobacco and cotton crop, and we produced nearly twice as much maize as was predicted in the early part of the season.

"This year we could not have had the kinds of returns which I am predicting if we had gone ahead and planted, fertilised and cultivated the crops."

He said that many farmers are still labouring under enormous debts accrued during the dry period, but added: "The Government, through the banking organisations, has still supported agriculture, even through the drought. There has been a lot of effort from all sectors to enable us to come up with these figures."

Even though the drought has broken for most southern African countries, Zimbabwe is still exporting maize to the region.

Another plus for Zimbabwean farmers is a $US70-million beef deal with the EEC. It has taken nearly four years to eradicate foot and mouth disease, involving $Z11 million for an elaborate fencing scheme, and $Z8 million for new abattoirs to satisfy Community veterinary surgeons.

Senator Norman is confident that the final EEC inspection will give his country's cattle farmers "a clean bill of health" and expects to be exporting beef to the Community by September.

"We have been given a quota of 8,100 tonnes per year, and I am confident that we will fulfil that amount by the end of 1985," he said.

Zimbabwe already exports meat to European countries such as Spain, Switzerland and West Germany. "But," Senator Norman said: "We have been wanting to sell to the EEC because of the high prices. It is 3½ times more valuable than any other market at the moment."

To cope with the increase in production, Senator Norman has had to increase the number of grain and cotton depots throughout the country.

Agriculture extension services will also have to be expanded to ensure that every farmer has access to the latest tools and cultivation methods.

At a time when cloudless skies are doing inestimable damage to many African countries, Zimbabwe appears to have escaped the worst. The country's livestock were the most badly hit, with 500,000 cattle estimated to have died from starvation, and a further 100,000 slaughtered prematurely.

The drought has taught many lessons. Zimbabwe's national larder was almost eaten bare and now efforts are being made to build up supplies. Senator Norman wants to see at least nine months of food put away, and if possible a year's. Farmers are being encouraged to move away from only growing maize, and into crop rotation, particularly using more drought-resistent crops like sorghum, pearl and finger millet.

Research is being stepped up into methods of moisture retention in soil, and traditional African grazing habits — cattle roam anywhere, anytime — are being replaced with less haphazard grazing.

Irrigation and the search for underground water supplies is now a priority of Robert Mugabe's Government. All farmers, large and small, have been offered low-interest loans for irrigation schemes.

Meanwhile, other African countries look on with envy as Zimbabwe's farming story leaps from one success to the next.

HARARE: The five-year term of the country's first Parliament ended yesterday, paving the way for general electaions within the next few weeks. Elections were to have been held in March, but were posteponed for technical reasons. — Reuter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bokassa memoirs to be cut

A FRENCH court ruled yesterday that passages concerning the private life of the former president, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, printed in memoirs by the desposed Central African emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa, should be deleted.

Judge Pierre Orai said that some passages of the book, not on sale yet, infringed on Mr Giscard's private life. "If a political fight is to take place in the framework of press freedom it should not refer to any fact or even directly linked to the intimacy of private and family life," he said.

Mr Giscard had taken the publishers to court over what his lawyer called "extravagant, mad and even grotesque" passages about him.

The lawyer for the publishers, Carrere, said his client would comply with the ruling. The cuts involve nine pages of the 200-page book.—Reuter.

Cameroon leader visits Britain

PRESIDENT Paul Biya of the Cameroon Republic has commenced an official visit to Britain. Yesterday he inspected a guard of honour in Whitehall, lunched with the Queen, and held brief discussions with Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe. The main talks come today at Downing Street, followed by a government luncheon, writes Patrick Keatley.

The former French West African colony still leans heavily on France for its industrial equipment, and takes 44 per cent of its imports from the French.

Marine's stand

AN ARMED US marine blocked access to his embassy in Oslo for 15 hours on Monday before giving himself up. Officials said that the guard had been under great emotional stress recently. He was taken out of Norway late on Monday. — Reuter.

Open access

SINGAPORE is to scrap a policy giving priority school admission to children of graduate mothers — part of a scheme to raise the birth rate among graduates. This policy, initiated by the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, was generally blamed for a drastic reduction in the share of votes of the ruling People's Action Party in elections last December. — Reuter.

Pole retracts

A POLE accused of killing nine women and attempting to murder 11 others has withdrawn statements he made during interrogation, Warsaw newspapers said yesterday. Alojzy Tuchlinow, aged 39, last week asked for a sex change operation to prevent him being a danger to society again. — Reuter.

Flogging delayed

PROTESTS by Pakistani women have forced authorities to delay the public flogging of a Christian woman for breaching the Islamic law on adultery. The chief minister of Sind province has ordered postponement while a petition and other appeals are examined. — Reuter.

Rape's reward

A BARCELONA court sentenced a man to 592 years' imprisonment yesterday on 40 counts of rape, two attempted rapes and seven indecent assaults. Spanish law will ensure that Francisco Lopez Maillo, aged 23, and known as the Rapist of Ensanche, will be paroled after 30 years. — Reuter.

Karpov wants...

THE WORLD chess champion, Anatoly Karpov, has asked for his title match against Gary Kasparov to be replayed in Moscow, Marseilles, London and Moscow have offered to organise the September rematch. Karpov also has asked the governing body to provide a main referee and two assistant referees of Soviet nationality.—Reuter.

Khmer assault

KHMER ROUGE guerrillas attacked a refugee camp inside Thailand before dawn yesterday, killing two women and injuring six other Kampucheans. Thai military officers are checking reports that the incident resulted from conflicts between Khmer Rouge leaders about control of the camp's population of 37,000 civilians.—Reuter.

Priest gaoled

A YUGOSLAV Franciscan priest has been gaoled for 40 days for denouncing the late President Tito while hearing confessions. Branko Juric, aged 50, chastised parishioners in the western town of Mramor for having portraits of the dead leader in their homes, the newspaper Politika said.—Reuter.

It's the Cup Final on Saturday: how many British women will suffer at the hands of their football-loving men? Christopher Reed reports on the American experience

The husbands who give blow-by-blow accounts of the big match

THE Wembley terraces and the streets may not see violence at this Saturday's Cup Final, but according to experience in California the threat will certainly be carried out in another place: the home.

Clinics and refuges for battered women in the San Francisco Bay area, where a local team has won the Super Bowl American football final three times in five years, have noticed that calls increase after the match. The sport is much rougher than soccer, but British football crowds are more violent than Americans.

Statistics on the phenomenon are hard to come by as no scientific survey has been made. But in 1983, a women's refuge in Oakland which averaged between seven and ten calls on Sundays (US match day), received 20 on Super Bowl Sunday. Another clinic in San Francisco took no records but reporting that "the phone rang off the hook" earlier this year when the San Francisco Forty Niners won.

At another clinic, they observed that a normal weekend's crisis line elicited about 15 calls. After the 1984 final there were 32. The correlation was first noticed in 1981 when the Oakland Raiders won and calls doubled.

Opinions differ over whether it's worse for the woman if the man's team wins or loses. Losing was worse for Rana Lee, who now produces a monthly radio programme in California on domestic violence, and was a victim of football beatings during her three-year marriage. She recalled: "I love football, but I couldn't root for my own team because right away that would cause trouble. I was OK if I rooted for his team, or as long as they won. Otherwise ..."

Dr Christopher Hatcher, a clinical psychologist at a San Francisco psychiatric institute, thinks that a man whose team wins is more likely to become violent. "There's a need to identify with the winner. It makes him a winner too. If the woman chooses that time to do or say anything which make him feel less of a winner, violence may be the result."

A clinic Executive in Oakland disagreed. She believes that a loss hurt a male fan's view of himself and the masculine ideal. Defeat sets off a feeling of powerlessness and he compensates by wielding power against a woman.

It is important to emphasise that nobody who has studied domestic violence believes that football or any rough sport creates violence in a man who is not already prone. It serves rather as a catalyst for the woman battering type or for men who feel hostile to women but have not yet expressed it violently.

Psychology Professor Bruce Ogilvie, of San Jose State University, said part of the trouble could lie with men whose "only ego-sustaining experience in life" was identification with an athletic team. "What is sadder than seing your alter-ego collapse?" he asked. "The great danger is in seeking to fulfil oneself through an artificial identification with a team. When it fails the rage is childlike, a tantrum."

Unfortunately it is more brutal. Most observers agree that drink plays an important and destructive part. An afternoon of televised football, slumped in an armchair, a cooler full of beer by his side is a stereotype of millions of American males — who, it is estimated, are involved with 14 million US women in long-term physically abusive relationships.

Opinions differ again on how important the football phenomenon is. According to Richard Gelles, author of six books on domestic violence, militant feminists feel that dwelling on the violence potential of watching sport trivialises the wider issue of Western society's toleration of brutality against women.

His thesis was supported by inquiries at Bay area centres for battered women. The more militantly feminist, the less they wished to discuss the problem. The most militant denied its existence, a reaction offering little consolation for women who do believe violent sports have provoked a man to assault them.

Nobody, however, seems to know what do do about it. Television can hardly be banned, and there is no referee in the living-room.

Leaving home on the day in question is seen only as a short-term evasion. Susan Hornstein, of the Western Centre on Domestic Violence, said: "There are other dangerous times, too. After Christmas, for example. If you leave at those times, then you are into periodic running away. You have to cease the relationship or physically remove yourself until your partner is getting help and is in control of himself. Otherwise you are only delaying what is likely to get worse — and you can't tiptoe around all year long."

Bristolian devotions: pictures by Julie Phipps

'I can determine my life now; I do not feel at the mercy of my own negativity. I am beginning to see myself as I am.' Nigel Wigmore listens to the chants and self-revelations of a group of Bristol Buddhists

Eavesdropping on another world

IMAGINE a bird's eye view of a rich tract of Britain's green and pleasant: you have left behind the smutty environs of the city and flown west, across the Berkshire Downs and into the mellow fruitfulness of Wiltshire. At Bristol, you swoop down and perch on the windowledge of a house tucked below the city's attractive Royal York Crescent.

You gaze absentmindedly through the window. There, on a sitting room floor that bows perceptibly with the character of the house, you see a group of women. They are kneeling before a Buddhist altar fingering beads and chanting Nam-myoho-renge-kyo. It's dour and repetitive to the uninitiated. It seems to go on for hours. Imagine your surprise.

Nothing surprises the British more than the unconventional. The conventional they take in great dollops, like giant spoonfuls of cod liver oil: the unusual, like British women — no different outwardly from the next person — practising Buddhism, is harder to swallow.

Indeed, there is a great suspicion of anything that smacks of the mystical: the whispers of "brainwashing"; the fear of a Moonie-like coup of entrapment of the hearts and minds of an unknown, and presumably growing, number of British people. But these particular women have no such qualms. They would argue that by following this strand of Japan's post-war New Religions, they have acquired an individual freedom of expression, not the opposite.

Certainly, the chanting is a little weird. You hop about on the windowledge. This is all a bit unnerving. Had it been a coffee morning or a gathering of young mothers with toddlers — what one might expect to see — you would have flown off again without a second thought. But instead you do something very un-British: you stay awhile and eavesdrop.

A child lounges on a sofa. She is quite used to this: Gongyo — the practice of chanting — is a daily ritual. Her mother, Sarah Garrett, kneels closest to the Gohonzon. She has practised Nichiren Shosho, the orthodox school of the founder, Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism, for the past seven years; behind her are Angela Johnson, a psychiatric nurse, who has been practising for 11 years and Sue Chudley, an artist, who was drawn to chanting two years ago through Sarah.

Their voices blend, their hands wring the beads, one always keeping the chant going while the others might pause momentarily for breath. Chanting has a real, physical presence as well as being a psychological tool for those taking part. The room seems to vibrate. At a higher pitch, the intensity of the voices might shatter the windows.

Sarah Garrett explained how she came to Buddhism. There was a good deal of insecurity in her life. She was 23, expecting her second child and the house was in dire need of renovation. The nature of her husband's job meant he was either in work or "resting". He chanted and Sarah says it was "either me doing it as well or...". So she went to a meeting and was " fascinated — it made great sense to me. It was common sense".

She expands upon her theme: "When I first started, I was not told you cannot drink, smoke, eat meat — the essence of this is that it is entirely up to you. What you get from chanting is that you learn what is right for your life." Although men, women and children practise this form of Buddhism, she believed it had special appeal to women. "There are so many things happening now, we (women) are changing so much in society and we really have to challenge ourselves."

If you had arrived earlier, you would have heard her sister, Louise Ellis, who works as a journalist on a local newspaper, espousing the same cause. She has been practising for four and a half years.

She was, after high hopes, disillusioned with university. She had "played" with chanting for a couple of years but being the age she was, she wanted "instant enlightenment". But is took time to discipline herself to full commitment to the faith and of course daily chanting.

Louise says it has worked wonders for her. "I can determine my life now; I do not feel at the mercy of things going on around me or my own negativity. I am beginning to see myself as I am. You begin to see a much truer picture of yourself."

Angela Johnson, who has been a member of the sect longer than anyone else in this particular group, agreed that the main advantage of practising Gongyo was in eliminating "negative tendencies". But she stressed that the trick was to strike the right balance. In other words, there were no short cuts: positive thoughts through chanting did not mean instant success. Even after 11 years she did not see this rich vein drying up: she would go on chanting and therefore improving her life.

There was apparently no limit to what you might attain through chanting. Sarah said this might apply even to "earthly desires". Presumably there was no guarantee you would get it but Sarah says she has chanted for cash: it was not, of course, a case of it suddenly raining money — more that chanting gave one the motivation to see these things through. According to Sarah, it works. Her circumstances have much improved.

There are 40 women and 24 men who practise Buddhism in the Bristol area. The accent is on small groups, to maintain the intimacy. The most common ground is the sitting room.

Louise Ellis said that Nichiren Shosho attracted a cross-section of people: it broke down the class divisiveness we live and breathe in Britain. She said there were possibly more women because they are less sceptical.

But Buddhism did not aim to disrupt: "Unlike other religions, it does not oppose other cultural beliefs." Followers were encouraged, she said, to participate fully in their own country's culture — not plot against it.

"It is not about inhibiting anyone: it is not about becoming anything in particular." If you were a Scottish dancer, says Louise, you can still be a Scottish dancer practising Buddhism.

There was no question of anyone stealing her mind. "There is nothing phoney about this and it is definitely not brainwashing. If you want to do it — you do it. It took me two years to come to terms with chanting. Nobody said you must do it. Having been introduced to it, I just thought I would like to do it.

"For example, if there is someone you are having difficulty with, then through chanting you challenge that difficulty. We all have our negative and positive sides. I might think of myself as being slow at my job when really it is a matter of self-confidence. Through chanting I realise I can really do it."

Buddhism goes hand in glove with daily life and chanting brings out one's Buddha nature — the nature in all of us broken down into the four areas of compassion, courage, wisdom and life-force. It does not matter what your job or function is, says Louise: "You can create value in whatever you are doing. You count in the scheme of things".

From your reverie on the windowledge you suddenly notice the quiet, the chanting has stopped. Sarah Garrett snuffs out the candles at the Gohonzon: the beads are put away and the women resume their seats.

Keen not to be noticed, you resume your journey. You reflect upon what you have seen and heard. If this private happening is meant to discombobulate a way of life you cannot for the life of you think how: the British are famous for their eccentricity. You are reassured that everything is as it should be.

So now the whole effect on a summer's evening is of southern California coming east

AMERICAN DIARY

Linda Blandford

IT HAS finally come to pass. A cover story in New York magazine has christened this the Yupper West Side. "Fast fashion — flashy food — the new class." On Columbus Avenue, an avant-garde fashion collection called. "Do you understand English?" (featured: Katharine Hamnett, Wendy Dagworthy, Culture Shock, etc) has been transfixing passers-by in the windows of the Charivari Boutique. ("Our stores," says the owner "are more of a charm bracelet than a chain").

Charivari is soon moving on to Amsterdam Avenue with Charivariations: fashion and "household objects." How odd that Browns of South Molton Street tried that combination in London years ago — and decided against it. Will it work here? We shall see. Charivariations will be just a few blocks from Amsterdam's, the restaurant and singles bar, that is jammed tight even on the rainiest Monday night. Imagine queuing under an umbrella for an hour for a plate of grilled chicken.

Two doors away, Piccolino has just opened: designer pasta, rough white walls, country tiled floor. All the people who never eat at home — and eating out is what separates the cheap from the Yuppies — now have their decorated palaces for gourmet pizzas and Mesquite-barbecued chicken. (No, James, *not* mosquito). Shops are moving in that stock Miami Vice clothes. Miami Vice is the hit series about two Florida undercover policemen: they are played by some dinky male fluff dressed in pale, wrinkle-rich cottons. Another variation on gold-chain Los Angeles jigglies.

The whole effect on a summer's evening, as cafe tables stretch along the avenues, is of southern California coming east — the Valley on Columbus Avenue, Long Beach moves to Broadway. And, by the by, a neighbourhood is dispossessed. It should be noted, truthfully, that most people think that is perfectly all right. The new Yuppies with their 50 per cent down co-op deposits (who can save $250,000 in cash: legally, let alone nicely?) are seen as conservationists. They preserve buildings. Aesthetics first in the age of postmodernism.

Twenty blocks up the road at Columbia University, the anti-apartheid demonstration has ended quietly. Last week, the students moved away from their blockade of the entrance to Hamilton Hall, the placards came down. A letter drive is planned instead. And university officials have made it quite clear that there are no intentions of withdrawing $32.5 million worth of investment in South Africa.

It is a far cry from the 1968 radical campus upheaval. Take a look, as a point of interest, at the fancy sky-scrapers around that are nearing completion — the Park Belvedere on Columbus, the Montana on Broadway. Think back then to the famous 1967 manifesto from the students of Columbia's School of Architecture: "We oppose stylistic and empty form-making. We oppose architecture that is whimsical, or for fun. We do not believe that the goal of architecture is to produce buildings as works of art." Aesthetics or social concerns? Nowadays money justifies all again — and there is nothing "for fun" about it.

Right where the Yupper West Side meets Hudson River are 100 acres of the old Penn Central railway yards — the old wild West of New York, backing on to the dense and ugly reaches of of concrete behind Lincoln Center. At the moment, these acres are our breathing space — forlorn, desolate but at least low-lying. They have been bought up by wunderkind Donald Trump.

"Donald Trump and the Trump Organisation," reads the advertising, "look forward to creating one of the great developments anywhere in the world on the Penn Yards site." Take a trip to Trump Tower, folks, or to Trump Plaza: hail be to the marbled halls of the garish towers beyond even Yuppiedom.

Trump has already, weeks later, let it be known that he plans to increase the announced 4,400 "units" to 6,000. At the same time, he promised to give $30 million — eventually — to renovate the 72nd Street IRT subway station. It is what is known as an "amenities package" — a developer gives the teeniest part of his intended profit to the community and thus he gets to have the zoning laws changed for him. Higher, bigger, more overwhelming — all in return for a clean railway platform. Is it truly only a decade since New York was written off, threatened with bankruptcy? What a carry-on.

Naturally, now that there are elegant delis all over the YWS, it is even more fashionable to *have* to go down to Balducci's in the village to shop. (Brooke Hayward on bandleader Peter Duchin: "He always says that when he dies he wants his ashes scattered over Balducci's"). Striving for ever more elan, there are those who travel further — to SoHo's Dean and DeLuca (as in Joel Dean and Georgia DeLuca, featured in preppy glasses, sweat shirts and hair cuts on their mail order catalogue).

Dean and DeLuca is fresh, SoHo high tech. The wide French doors open on to the display of great, rustic baskets piled with greens: fiddlehead ferns, Italian Rosa di Verona, miniature Patty pans, fresh dill, rosemary, rabbit ear spinach, sorrel, chervil, arrugula, sugar snap peas, Belgian mache (this latter a mere $8.50 a pound).

The Dean and DeLuca elevator travels up to the loft spaces above. Where once the sweatshops whirred and rats ran, where once artists bought $50,000 spaces (but a few years ago), now there are half million dollars lofts, and fabled movie stars creeping in under the "artists-only residence clause." And here, whiskas bristling like the White Rabbit, comes Anthony Harvey of various prep schools. Sloane Street and RADA, back from his morning gym.

Harvey, of course, is a film director (Dutchman, Lion in Winter, Eagle's Wing, Players, etc). How English he still is and no wonder that after Lion in Winter, he turned down Cabaret, Love Story and The Godfather. It is branded on the English in America — this fear not of failure but of success. And after all these years in New York, he is talking of moving back to England.

In this most peaceful part of the city, red cardinals play outside his windows, there is almost total stillness. And yet he yearns for home, for "the primroses pushing up, the violets coming up on railway banks, the distant cuckoo."

A church bell tolls somewhere — but this is SoHo. "Ah, you can light a fire here," he says, "sit in front of it and feel you're in the country. But on Saturdays and Sundays, charabancs of people come now to gawp at SoHo. They stand in the streets, they sit on your doorstep. The noise is enormous, there are squashed pies, bottles of beer, the whole place has gone..."

So, it happens to the West Side, to SoHo and, yes, doubtless to Sussex, too.

Msprint

THE one common factor linking rich and poor, capitalist and communist countries, is the oppression of women. In spite of its proud boast of sexual equality, the Soviet Union does not unlink this chain.

Feminists in the West may feel a romantic nostalgia for the red-kerchiefed pioneers of the past who climbed into tractors, picked up shovels and struggled alongside men to build a Marxist state. But **Soviet Sisterhood**, Barbara Holland (editor), Fourth Estate, £17.95, scrapes away the now-tarnished image of freedom, and a depressingly familiar picture of the position of Soviet women emerges.

The collection of essays vigorously rebuffs the insistence of Marx, Engels and Lenin that once capitalism is abolished then sexual equality is inevitable, and that to dwell upon it is to cling to bourgeois self-indulgence.

Each essay uses one aspect of Soviet life to enter the debate on the situation of its women — and gazing across the sharp divide between ideology and practice, one has a heart-sinking feeling that we could be anywhere.

For example, Lynne Atwood explores Soviet views on psychological sexual differences: the argument that innate, biologically-rooted traits are simply "potentials" which may be culturally transformed offers liberation from Freudian misogyny and patriarchal notions of femininity. But (and the buts of these essays are dominant and crushing) in actual fact education and culture reinforce rather than erode inequality.

Similarly, Maggie McAndrew's sceptical look at Soviet women's magazines, whose ostensible aim is to "produce a model of the world in people's consciousness," draws forth this conclusion: "Women's magazines are part of a complex ideological structure confronting Soviet women with the image of themselves as Super-achiever, the New Soviet Woman, which is at some distance from the reality of most women's lives." And what does that remind you of?

Fifty-one per cent of the Soviet workforce is made up of women, but guess who does all the housework and looks after the children? And we only have to glance at the solid lines of elderly male look-alikes on our television screens to know who wields real power in Moscow. The first organised feminists who challenged the fiction of equality were intimidated, harassed and eventually deported.

They confronted the male structure of power, and in language that rejected the "strange, fusty and moth-eaten" rhetoric of government, called out their manifesto: "Nothing changes by itself and we are convinced that no-one will help us unless we help ourselves by meeting together, by exchanging our experiences, and understanding them."

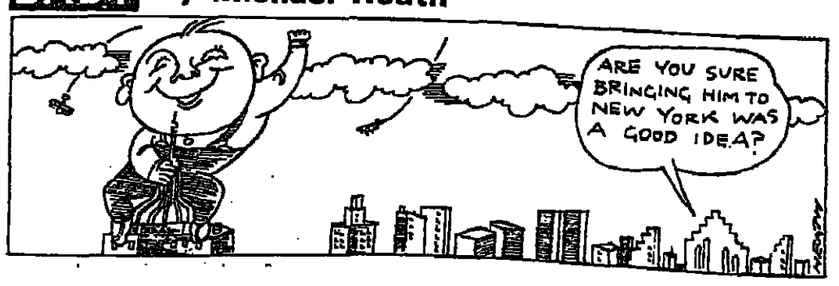
This could also be the manifesto of women in the West.

Underneath Soviet Sisterhood's intellectual curiosity and cool analysis runs a real affection for the country, and for its women in particular. I wish I could say the same of Terry Bushell's account of life in Moscow as correspondent of the Morning Star I can't.

In spite of living in Moscow for several years and marrying the Russian Lara, **Marriage of Inconvenience** (Deutsch, £8.95) skims the surface of a huge and fascinating country, scooping up a brackish top layer and leaving the depths unplumbed and tantalising between tepid lines.

Nicci Gerrard

BABY By Michael Heath



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Edward Greenfield on new recordings of a great Austrian composer

Berg at his best

WITH musical centenaries and tercentenaries galore this year, the celebrations for the hundredth birthday of Alban Berg, youngest and shortest-lived of the Second Viennese School triumvirate, have been limited. But now Deutsche Grammophon with a unique corpus of Berg *recordings in its* catalogue already, has come up with a ten-disc box covering virtually every work, large or small, that was ever published (*DG 413 797-1*).

When some years ago CBS issued a comparably comprehensive box of the music of Webern, I remember following *through each finely* wrought argument from *Opus 1 to Opus 31* in order, ever-conscious of consistent development. Making the *music of Berg into a planned* cycle like that would be quite irrelevant. It is at once wilder, warmer and less consistent: these ten records emphasise *the variety of in*spiration from a composer who far more clearly than his colleagues remained at heart a romantic.

Just why that is so comes out in another Berg centenary issue. Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau accompanied by Aribert Reimann sings 22 *previously unknown songs* which Berg wrote as a boy, mostly before meeting Schoenberg (HMV EL 27 0195 1). Bearing in mind *how Berg developed*, the wonder is that these teenage inspirations, charming in their lyrical directness, are stylistically so unsophisticated with Schumann and Brahms the main influences, Mahler occasionally, and with even Wagnerian chromaticism kept at bay.

It did not take long for the teaching of Schoenberg to have its impact, but Berg's individul style within the atonal triumvirate continued to owe something to that early romantic innocence. His Opus 1, the one-movement Piano Sonata he wrote at the age of 22, still sounds like romantic piano music rather than the product of a new movement.

Aptly on the DG set Daniel *Barenboim gives a read*ing of the Sonata that fully brings out its warm, Lisztian qualities (even the key, B minor, the same as that of *Liszt's Sonata*). *With later* Berg too, I find the music not just more sympathetic but more intelligible, when a romantic approach is applied by the interpreter.

Even the two operas, Wozzeck and Lulu, come in performances conducted by Karl Böhm which brings out their links with the romantic operatic tradition rather than their modernity. This account of Wozzeck, with Fischer-Dieskau inappropriately but movingly noble in the name part and Evelyn Lear as Marie, is by far the best sung on record.

*The format and presenta*tion of the whole set is excellent with good notes and full texts. Paintings by Egon Schiele, well-reproduced, come on the front of each separate record-sleeve, with many good photographs on the reverse. Remarkably the whole set sells at just over £30, an excellent bargain.

The Annual argument

Hidden inside every Hayward Annual, writes Waldemar Januszczak, there is *another, better show trying to get out*

IT WOULD be churlish to accuse the new Hayward Annual of lacking identity. Hayward Annuals always lack identity. As this year's selector, the art dealer Nigel Greenwood, puts it in his catalogue: "the impression persists of a venue in search of an exhibition."

I would go further and describe the Arts Council's latest summer offering as a set of exhibits in search of a show. Henry Moore's noble and relaxed elmwood figure stares across at a stack of refuse arranged into a cube with obsessive care by Tony Cragg. Bridget Riley is given a room to herself. But so is Anthony Zych who has just come out of college and who paints long, low landscapes of quite overwhelming moroseness.

Yet inside every fat Hayward Annual there is usually a thin one frantically signalling to be let out, and the new show is no exception. What makes this Annual's show-within-a show particularly interesting is that it is clearly not the one which the selector claims to have given us.

Greenwood states that he has gone in search of "Britishness" in art. His intention was to provide a riposte from the home side to the American Festival which is about to overwhelm London. "I am not over fond of nationalism," he begins encouragingly.

"The capacity of a work of art to transcend its sources is one of its recurring assets. So if we were to be exposed to all these American artists and to be subject to verbal interpretations of the American in art *then why should this* Hayward Annual not join in? Why should it not pose the question is there a quality which could be called British?" In other words Nigel Greenwood is not over fond of nationalism but if the Yanks are doing it then we'll jolly well do it back.

So what is this Britishness that we have come here to admire, and where does it show itself? Not I think in the work of the Indian sculptor, Dhruva Mistry, who makes garish idols, sacred cows, curious animal/human hybrids of the kind that guard the doorways to Hindu temples. Nor in the secretive hollows and clearings of the forest photographed so atmospherically and sensitively by Thomas Joshua Cooper. He is an American.

Fred Williams is the painter of tough and unpleasant expanses of outback, bristling with cactus, as if the desert hadn't bothered to shave for a few days. Williams is as Australian as a dingo. Perhaps the selector was imagining himself back in the schoolroom naturally assuming that all the national characteristics marked in red were British.

This is how we find him in the catalogue entry dealing with Henry Moore's magnificent reclining figure, half woman and half mountain range: "It guards the crossroads at which the man made and the natural converge. Mankind's existence is accepted without having to dominate his surroundings. Is that a peculiarly British resolve?" No Mr Greenwood I don't think it is. Neither I suspect does Rita Donnagh.

She too is haunted by the relationship between the man-made and the natural. In *this case it is a map* of Lough Neagh in Northern Ireland which provides the backcloth across which the letter H dances like a macabre shadow puppet. Donnagh's eerie, apocalyptic paintings of the rape of the Irish landscape by the H-Blocks are among this exhi*bition's few obvious* successes.

The different ways that British artists use, and respond to, the landscape is clearly the true subject of the Hayward's show within a show. In Henry Moore's art the landscape represents a comforting female presence. For Stephen Cox it is a thin layer of the present sprinkled across the deep romance of the past.

Even Gilbert and George can be accused of exploring the relationship between the figure and the landscape in a gigantic drawing called Shrubberies, from Nigel Greenwood's private collection, last seen at the Hayward's New Art show of 1972. The Living Sculptures show themselves standing in a huge overgrown park, looking rather lost and vulnerable, like the babes in the wood. It is a plaintive image which harks back to Gainsborough's parkland lovers, and further, to Nicholas Hilliard's famous swain, pining for love among the rose bushes.

Francis Bacon comprehensively upsets the pastoral mood with his image of Van Gogh coming back from the fields after a day's painting. Drunk on colour and sunshine, Bacon's image celebrates not the peace of the *landscape but its swirling* sensuous power, its threat. A similar set of sensations accompany you into the impressive room given over to Ian McKeever whose paintings pluge you deep into the thick undergrowth at the base of the fort, or take you high up into the mountains, to Turner country, where only a chamois could feel truly comfortable.

No one could accuse the *new Hayward Annual of* lacking variety. Not only does it mix up subject-matter and approaches but it also confronts abstract artists with figurative ones, Bridget Riley with Francis Bacon, established painters with complete newcomers. Some artists are given entire rooms to themselves; others are confined to single examples. (In the case of Steven Campbell this is surely a serious imbalance).

Another of the exhibition's strong points is the care and attention it pays to making analogies between images and building up correspondences between artists. Thus the Hindu animal gods made by Dhruva Mistry are compared to the grimacing human faces drawn so fiercely by Victor Willing. A dazzling likeness of a river hog made out of mud and straw by the excellent Nicola Hicks finds itself surrounded by the suitably ugly Australian landscapes of Fred Williams.

But in the end you are left with the feeling that no *idea or* theme has been carried through to a conclusion. A selector's whimsy is not a powerful enough cement to hold all these different components together. And so we must chalk this down as yet another failed Hayward Annual. Will we ever see one that succeeds?

The Hayward Annual until July 7.

IN SEARCH OF A SHOW: Dhruva Mistry's Regarding Guardians — at the Hayward. Picture by E. Hamilton-West

GALLERIES BRIEFING

Degas as Printmaker (Hayward Gallery until July 7): Only four of Degas's prints were intended for publication in large public editions. The rest of his etchings and lithographs were produced for the private delectation of Degas and his friends. This ambitions show thus lifts the curtain on a largely forgotten area of his activity. Breathtakingly comprehensive, it provides extraordinary insights into his working methods and, above all, into the lengths he would go to achieve his apparently spontaneous effects. A splendid selection of bronzes counteracts the show's rather scholarly air. Meanwhile Degas's famous view of a sad prostitute in a cafe, L'Absinthe, has been lent to the Courtauld Institute

Lee Quinones (Riverside Studios until June 16): Quinones, plain Lee to admirers and subway police alike, began his career as a tearaway graffiti artist spraying the sides of trains. Right from the start his strident, comic-book images seemed slicker, more ambitious than the rest. Now a fashionable New York artist (he starred in the film Wild Style) he comes to London to show the locals how it's done.

Outside London

Ars Universitas (John Hansard Gallery, Southampton University until June 8): An extraordinary instal*lation by John Thompson* which provides still further proof that the John Hansard Gallery has become one of the most ambitious and in*triguing exhibition centres in* Britain. The show features a delightful dialogue between the old and the new, between the forgotten Victorian landscapes of Frederick Lee Bridell and Thompson's learned and witty modern commentaries. Difficult to define; impossi*ble to resist.*

Waldemar Januszczak

Marine birds of a feather

Nancy Banks-Smith on the falcon and the Marines

SERGEANT "Mac" McLean, *was addressing* 25 would-be recruits to the Royal Marines' Mountain and Arctic Warfare Cadre. They were all extremely large young men with, in almost every case, extremely large moustaches, possibly to freeze behind should the enemy appear unexpectedly.

The sergeant was speaking with the fluency, emphasis and assurance of a man who doesn't get too many back answers. "I gave you," he said reproachfully, "a noot, in actual fact a salamander, and it mysteriously disappeared or died."

A wave of giggles blew moustaches about a bit. "That," said the sergeant sadly, "was a noot. Then I gave you a frog, which didn't even 'ave a name. You only 'ad it two hours and that died." The moustaches waved in the wind. "Then we 'ad a black beetle, which I do believe someone ate last Saturday. I am determined," he concluded, whipping himself up into a firm froth like the head on a pint of beer, "you shall have a mascot so what I've done, at great expense, is get a peregrine falcon. It is a fighting bird. You cannot kill it. It Will Not Die!"

And, with a fine sense of the dramatic he produced a pea-green bird in a parrot cage. Contrary to my notions of peregrine *falcons.* it had a saucy, worldly-wise eye like a barmaid. It put its head on one side and seemed in two minds whether to ask who was a pretty boy then but, glancing at the sergeant, decided against it.

"*I've got a training manual 'ere for it,*" said the sergeant. "I want to see it bring down meat on the hoof in a week." The pea-green fowl gave a wild squawk and swung by its beak from the bars of the cage. "Obviously," said the sergeant, "*that's the* mating call of the falcon, I need a name for it by 12 o'clock. Squad dismiss."

Behind The Lines (BBC 2) like Fighter Pilot is a documentary series in which recruits are tested to destruction and either come out the other side as Arctic commandos or sink back thankfully into a quiet life of lion-taming. Which bit of unpromising permafrost this crack corps hope to seize for the Queen was not spelled out though as Captain Lear zoomed up on his motor bike, giving the cameraman a bad ten seconds, Ian Wooldridge did say rather cheekily, "Since the Russians monitor all these military documentaries they might as well know he commands the training of the Mountain and Arctic Warfare Cadre." I'd be inclined to take the fact that the word Antarctic isn't in their title with a pinch of salt.

Their training began at Land's End with Sgt-Major "Shiner" Wright jumping, unroped, a 10ft gap over a 270ft drop ("Get your bottle in your hand and take a flying leap."). So these are the Marines mentioned as training on the rocks where four schoolboys died. It was instantly plain why only a tough young man, described by an officer as "Rather like a badger, almost like an animal," is safe on these rocks and then not *alone and then not very.*

As they traversed Penny Pool, a crack in the coastline, Corporal Grant's shoulder was torn out of its socket or, as Sgt Wright put it, "He came off and his right arm was left there." Wright got a rope round him, others jumped in, someone turned up the gas under the sea and it boiled up like milk in a saucepan. All of them were torn off the rock and thrown about in the boiling milk.

Grant was hauled up the granite and the others clawed their way out as best and as fast as they could.

The last man out was up that cliff as if his braces had been caught in a tree at the top. The sea came after him: "If that wave had been as massive as the last, his next stop could have been Boston, Mass."

"It's probably quite fortunate," said Wright who does not go overboard verbally," that I got the rope round the injured guy and Chris and the other guys jumped in, which tended to jam the zawn up." (A zawn, besides being a useful acqui*sition for scrabble, is a Cornish inlet.*) "If just the two of us had been swilling around in there, we might have been swept out. Especially the guy with the injured arm. There was no way he'd have got out."

The choice as mascot of a Bird That Will Not Die seemed altogether appropriate. The pea-green fowl had survived the threat of a premature end. ("He was very noisy at first and not very popular. I think people tried to strangle him and flush him down the loo"; and won a precarious popularity ("You'd catch them secretly talking to it and pretending they weren't").

The chief threat to its continued existence seemed the tendency of the recruits to eat anything not actually wearing army issue boots. A taster for next week's programme, a survival test in the Hebrides, showed them making an omelette with live worms. The name of the mascot, ordered for 12 o'clock, was never mentioned. I will therefore offer as many worms as you can eat to the reader who comes up with the best name for this unusual and unfortunate fowl.

RONNIE SCOTT'S

John Fordham

Loose Tubes

UNRULY youthful energies are at large in Mr R. Scott's establishment throughout this week, not always an observation that can be made on these premises of either the performers or the audiences.

Loose Tubes, a 21-piece British big band looking *about as comfortable trying* to fit on to the club's small stage as if they were trying to play on the side of Mont Blanc, played the opening set of a week-long residency with the go-for-it bravura of a collection of young originators apparently determined not just to prove a point in *a night's work but take on* most of the sacred cows of the local jazz scene at the same time.

"We want to make this a bit of an event and crack the first new joke heard in this place in 25 years," said a member of the ensemble who looked as if he'd just come from a photo session for The Face. "You're fired," playfully quipped the proprietor later, and with some feeling.

Loose Tubes is the most impressive young orchestra to have emerged in London since Chris McGregor's *Brotherhood Of Breath*, and that wasn't especially young. Most of the members of this outfit look as if they'd be breaking the law by buying a drink.

Performing a largely self-penned repertoire of densely-written jazz orchestral pieces reminiscent at times of Carla Bley, George Russell and Gil Evans, Loose Tubes features in short but incisive solo outings the work of some of the country's fastest rising jazz artists —notably saxophonist Tim Whitehead and the stunningly gifted pianist Django Bates.

Part of the band's *secret* — aside of immensely sophisticated ensemble writing bristling with fresh ideas — is its urge to surprise. It changes time *signatures* constantly, sets great ragged phalanxes of tramping chord patterns marching in and out of each other, drifts into slow Bley-like passages where the trombones, with long, lazy sounds, create a shimmering heat-haze effect, throws in a rough-and-ready cross between gospel and choral singing by all the performers, resolves vigorous pieces in hesitant conclusions and vice versa, sets horns infectiously chasing each other.

Tim Whitehead played a relaxed, billowing saxophone solo over a Mike Gibbs-like theme ("we decided to call it Transvestite Stripper" — "sounds really boring" said a wag in the back row) and they wrapped up an immensely varied set with a theme of driving funk in which all the players took to wandering around the club, hooting vigorously.

Winds of change, winds of change. . . .

Meirion Bowen

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Lontano

LONTANO'S second Pacific Connections recital (most of which can be heard on Radio 3 on Thursday night) contained a discerning choice of music from the West Coast of America. Two of the pieces had extra-musical inspiration. Gallery 83 by William Kraft (formerly timpanist and now composer-in-residence with the Los Angeles Philharmonic) took its style and character from three paintings — Monet's Waterloo Bridge, Pollock's Convergences, and the composer's own Kandinsky Variations.

The work was (if he will excuse the pun) well crafted: so much so, in fact, that one was aware more of continuity between the three movements than contrasts. The visual stimulus disappeared and a strong musical idiom took over, assembling its own shapes and colours and deploying them with skill and freedom.

Roger Reynolds's Mistral also left well behind its initial connections with a chill wind experienced in the South of France. Here, a gradually expanding series of violent outbursts assaulted the ear, as pairs of brass and stringed instruments interacted with short segments of musical material, a harpsichord occasionally mediating.

George Newsom's O My America (Dream, Ferment and Dream) — a BBC commission — offered a European response to America. But too much of its musical content was blurred by the excessive dominance of a speaker (Neil Cunningham) reading extracts from the journey depicted in Nabokov's Lolita, interspersed with sung extracts (Neil Jenkins in eloquent form) from Plato, Auden and so on.

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Putting care at the heart of things

When simply everyone says something is true, it's time to start worrying. For Simply Everyone's track record on the hindsight count tends to be a bit rocky. Yesterday, for example, Mr Francis Pym, on behalf of his new thirty club, said again what simply everyone — including Mr Pym in his previous, clubless incarnation — has been saying for months. The Tory Wets, the Labour Party, the Liberal Party, the Social Democrats, the vast swathe of Fleet Street, cross-party groups of economists, the Earl of Stockton and, quite possibly, the Queen Mother: all, with only the odd pocket handkerchief and box of matchsticks between them, agree that the Government needs to tackle unemployment first, modestly to re-inflate the economy, and to restore Britain's crumbling infrastructure. Since that is substantially what The Guardian also believes (and has long argued for) the putting of a counter view doesn't for a second betoken agreement. We sum up what the only people who don't agree with Simply Everyone — the Government and the Government's remaining friends — are saying frankly in private, because it helps tease out the real issue.

Look, a very close friend of Mrs Thatcher might say at a moment like this: look, don't let's be ridiculous. To read the press you'd think the nation was on its economic uppers with Mrs Thatcher only a few feet the great political knacker's yard of a backroom at the Carlton Club. That's the most terrible, rubbish. When the Conservatives are in a jam, their habitual code is to blame the "presentation of policy" whilst protecting undying regard for the policy itself. Usually that's cant — it's the policies themselves that are under attack: and when you hear Sir Edward Du Cann, to name but one, trotting out the old presentational stuff you assume this is crisis as usual. In fact, it's not. Presentation really is the problem.

The Tories may have taken a nasty drubbing in the shires: but letting that result be portrayed by Central Office as an Alliance triumph, or good news for Labour, was sheer crass-management. (Gummer must go). And even if you take the bleakest view of the shires, there is all the difference in the world between mid-term protest and a real vote at the end of the day, with real disposable income at stake. In 1987 or 1988, Mrs Thatcher will need perhaps 52 per cent of the vote of those in work to get back to Downing Street. And those in work have, by and large, Never Had it So Good. Our national GDP, since 1981, is back to nineteen-sixties levels of growth. Indeed (as The Economist remarked at the weekend) it may hit 4 per cent this year, the best since 1973, but with a tidily lower rate of inflation. This, by current world standards, is booming Britain except in Labour seats; and all the sweeter for the majority because wages, yet again, are haplessly bounding ahead of inflation. So why the chorus of gloom?

Unemployment, of course. The Number One issue. But not one to get too despondent about too far ahead of a proper election. For a start, our Tory would add, there's a chance it may edge back a little by 1988: enough to ease the fear of the disease spreading. But even if it doesn't, there is still the straight appeal at the relevant time to the dominant majority in work and doing very nicely. Meanwhile we should be asking combatively why three (or four) million unemployed hasn't led to anything like the social disorder the pundits prophesised. We should be looking at, and highlighting, those cases, those thousands upon thousands of cases where we believe the State actually pays somebody more not to work than to find a job he's fitted for. We should be banging on endlessly about the uncharted billions in the black economy that everybody knows about in private life but never mentions on a political stage. We shouldn't be unsympathetic or unconcerned about terrible blackspots and terrible problems: but we must stop apologising. There is, for most Tory possibles, a boom of a length and general beneficence they can't recall. Let's stop the emollient rhetoric and the endless defensiveness. Let's encourage the voters — or at least 52 per cent of them — to count their blessings before they get to the polling booths.

To run through such an argument — attempting to capture its bluff, hard-edged certainties — is to put Mr Francis Pym and Simply Everyone into context. What Mr Pym (and, for that matter, Labour, eyeing its own public opinion polls) is majoring on is really the caring image. The message of MORI and Marplan is that Mrs Thatcher and the Tories are unpopular because they are widely perceived Not to Care. But the message of strategists within Conservative ranks is, however cynically, that care is a mid-term phenomenon which quite enough voters may be tempted to forget when their own wage packets are at stake.

So the problem for the Prime Minister may, indeed, be presentational. Do you drop your voice in the House and wash in temporary compassion? Or do you say what you may well believe: that banging on about failures encourages millions of people who should be celebrating (as the next package tour to the sun pulls out of Gatwick) to feel rotten and guilt-ridden and depressed, the worst of both worlds? Currently the Government is self-evidently betwixt and between: making radical noises on the one hand and sticking Band-aid on Scottish ratepayers with the other. But, on their own calculations, they have to start talking about a booming, self-absorbed Britain soon. And that will be the prelude to the final moment of truth, the moment when the millions who say they care today will have to put a private vote, and a private accounting, on the depth of that concern.

The law's torn safety curtain

Gradually, the provisions of the controversial Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 are coming into effect. But some are more gradual than others. For the members of the Police Federation, gathered in conference this week in Blackpool, there is the relatively good news that the new system of police complaints is already in place. The Federation, it is true, fought against the partial reforms in the new Act, arguing that a wholly independent complaints system was now necessary to staunch public dissatisfaction with arrangements which, in the majority of cases, still leave the police as judge and jury over their own cases. Nevertheless, in spite of the increased role of conciliation in minor cases and the enhanced supervisory role of the Police Complaints Authority, the new system provides only marginal improvements for complainants. By contrast, in providing considerable legal safeguards for police officers in serious cases, the new arrangements strengthen the position of Federation members. So the changes in the complaints system are an inadequate balancing factor against abuse of the substantial fresh police powers which Mr Brittan has provided.

Yet such a balance is supposed to be at the heart of the Act. And with the new powers now due to come into force at the start of 1986, this means that the other parts of the legislation which provide protection for suspects assume even greater importance. Here, however, gradualness is in danger of turning into lethargy. Central to any fair treatment of suspects detained under the new police powers is the right, written into law, of access to legal advice. But it is now clear that the necessary system providing a ready service of solicitors for suspects will not be in force at the start of next year and that major efforts and cash will be needed if any effective provision is to be available within the foreseeable future. On Monday, the Solicitor General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, repeated that the Government remains committed to the introduction of an effective scheme. Yet Sir Patrick's colleagues are not doing enough to translate those words into action and, in the particular case of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, appear to be stifling reform by delay.

It has long been obvious, ever since the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure advocated an effective system of access to legal advice back in 1981, that major reforms in legal services would be needed to provide it. A high proportion of arrests take place at night and at weekends. Most solicitors, however, work a nine to five day. Provision of solicitors for suspects, therefore, requires two things: adequate logistics and funding to enable suspects to see their "own" solicitors and a duty solicitor scheme to provide advice for the remainder. Neither need is easily satisfied within the existing structure of legal services. In rural areas, where distances are great, and in London, where most solicitors live at considerable remove from police stations, lawyers in private practice will only turn out at unsocial hours after delay and providing they are well compensated financially. But the pilot 24-hour duty solicitor schemes which provide the sole safety net in such circumstances have been dogged by delay from the Lord Chancellor. The pilot scheme in London will not even start until September, even though the need in the capital is prodigious, as police powers are greater, accountability less, and one fifth of all arrests occur there. Now even the Law Society is up in arms about the Lord Chancellor's indolence. The net result of Lord Hailsham's dither is that the Police Act will hit the streets without the sugar coating of extra suspects' rights which helped to sell it to some doubters. And that will ensure exactly the imbalance in the law against which we have consistently warned.

A bloody test for Rajiv

India has suffered a fresh, appalling bout of indiscriminate terror. At least 85 people lie dead as a result of bombs hidden on buses or disguised as transistor radios and left temptingly in New Delhi parks and gardens. Hundreds have been maimed. The bombing campaign is officially blamed upon Sikh separatists and although nobody has yet claimed responsibility for the outrages there is no reason to doubt the government version of events.

There is a fearful logic about this latest wave of bombing. Quite simply, to create a general demand for an independent Sikh state it is necessary for the extremists first to demonstrate to the millions of Sikhs who live outside their home state that their current position is intolerable. That is not an easy task. Sikhs make up around 2 per cent of the population. They hold down 8 per cent of public service jobs and almost the same percentage of posts in the armed services. They do disproportionately well in trade and commerce. If such a successful minority group is to be persuaded to give it all up and trek back to Khalistan, it will not be for material reasons — nor yet for reasons of religious fervour. Fear of the mob is the most effective partitioner of communities in the sub continent.

To his credit Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi appears to have learned the lesson of those November days after his mother's death when the Delhi mob was left to vent its spleen upon the Sikh minority. This time round the army was on very visible alert and the rioters and the looters failed to materialise. Instead, what started on Monday as a provocative anti-Sikh strike called by Hindu communalists appears to have evolved into a more healthy demonstration by Sikhs and Hindus protesting against extremism and violence. The worst has not happened. The terrorists have not generated a carbon copy of 1947 when Muslims and Hindus died in their millions on the blood soaked trails towards the safety of their kith and kin. Not yet, at any rate.

What the bombers have achieved however is the capture of the main, Sikh party, the Akali Dal, by the violent separatist faction led by the father of the "martyred" Sant Bhindranwale. They have also raised the temperature among middle class intellectuals in Delhi who should be the voice of moderation and decency. Instead (as Eric Silver reports) the demand is all for "ruthless crackdowns" and "iron fists." Even the influential Hindustan Times wants an end to Rajiv's "spirit of forgive and forget." So it will be harder now for Mr Gandhi to come to terms as he must, eventually, with legitimate demands for regional autonomy and an end to the central government manipulation which his mother so enjoyed. It will, equally, be hard for moderate Sikh leaders, denied a place in the Akali Dal and in fear of their lives, to settle such concessions rather than for separatism. Mr Gandhi is facing the most serious crisis of his short public career and India is entering upon a testing of its will to survive as a multi-communal nation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Assuaging the priests of our shopping cathedrals

Sir, — I read with some amazement your stirring Leader (May 11) quoting Karl Marx in support of liberating the people to do more shopping.

It is absurd to quote Marx in this way. Marxist theory is about understanding social and economic phenomena not as absolutes but according to the society in which they appear.

Life in our society is devoted to the religion of consumption and our modern cathedrals are huge shopping complexes where the good citizen, having spent the week producing, spends the weekend buying the products of monopoly capitalism.

Some — the unemployed — are excommunicated from this sacred ritual, but as our priests and priestesses tell us that is for the sin of greed. "They priced themselves out of a job" so no one will "buy" them and they can buy nothing.

Shopping has become the opium of the masses. It is only "right" that Sunday should be a day of shopping. But don't let us confuse that with freedom. — Yours sincerely,

Frances Campbell.
Old School,
Stadhampton, Oxford.

Sir,—To compare Karl Marx's observations of the Hyde Park demonstrations of June 24 and July 1, 1855, with Mrs Thatcher's intention to abolish the 1950 Shop Act is a poor attempt to equate the sublime with the ridiculous (Leader, May 11).

Such was the condition of the working class in 1855 that there was little option but to shop on Sundays; a 60 to 70-hour six-day working week was the norm, not the exception, and wages were not paid out until late on Saturday. This was implicit in the articles written then by Marx for the Neue Oder Zeitung to which, I presume, you refer.

The pious trappings of the Sunday Trading Bill, and the Beer Bill which preceded it, were poor disguises for the connivance of the Church with "big capital," which was only too happy to vote away the competition of small shopkeepers through Parliament. "Genteel society" could then shop as before, at its leisure, with consciences clear.

That was, however, 130 years ago. Since then the working week thankfully has been reduced and, generally speaking, Sunday has become a day of rest with those who choose to work usually being rewarded with some form of enhanced, or premium, payment. This is clearly accepted by the Auld Report.

Then there is the insidious threat to abolish wages councils. The Auld Report upholds them as the sole defenders of the shopworker after deregulation. In Mrs Thatcher's mind they are the device by which shopworkers (and others) are pricing themselves out of jobs. Her stated intention is that they, like the Shop Act, should go. She is after all the daughter of a shop owner, not shopworker.

Perhaps the better comparison for your Leader would have been the way in which the demonstrations of 1855 were treated by the constabulary and today's crowd-control methods: "they began to single some individuals out... and have them arrested on false pretences.... When this experiment was repeated more and more often and the pretext no longer seemed plausible, the crowd raised one big cry.

"At once the constabulary rushed from ambush, whipped their truncheons out of their pockets, began to beat up people's heads until the blood ran profusely, yanked individuals here and there out of the vast multitude... and dragged them to improvised blockhouses."

Maybe this is what Mrs Thatcher has in mind when supposedly "agreeing" with Marx. — Yours faithfully,

Dave Smith.
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London WC1.

Too strong-arm an argument

Sir,—John Mann (Letters, May 11) manages both to make Peter Smith's case and to demolish his own.

The apparent certainty of his assertion that "it is not for any assistant registrar to say how students should or should not stop the growth of fascist organisations," is both chilling and dangerous. What sort of regime is Mr Mann proposing that would deny Mr Smith — or anyone else — the right to say such things?

I too am strongly opposed to fascism and racism — indeed, to extremism of any kind — but believe it to be not only wrong, but counter-productive, to use the weapons of these causes to oppose them. After all, what are the first actions of any totalitarian regime? To take the media under its control and to lock up — or exterminate — those who oppose it.

I suggest to Mr Mann that, by trying to silence opposition to it, both National Organisation of Labour Students and the National Union of Students are destroying the very cause they set out to defend. Or is it not for me to say that?

Vice Voltaire!—Yours, etc,

F. J. Brooks.
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Wokingham, Berkshire.

When the local safety watchdogs lose their teeth

Sir,—Even before the results of the investigations of the Bradford football tragedy are available, there is a fundamental lesson for Mrs Thatcher, ministers, the Institute of Directors, and all those who have been mindlessly criticising "regulations."

Health, safety, and employment regulations are often tedious and costly — and we should always be prepared to improve and simplify them if possible — but the public interest is not served by putting the alleged needs of "the market" or "the economy" above human health and welfare.

With the Bradford tragedy coming so soon after the Bhopal disaster, is it too much to hope for an end to simplistic and irresponsible free-market ideology, if only on grounds of public health and safety?

Sir Keith Joseph's ill-thought-out reorganisation of the NHS in 1974 killed off medical officers of health and, for trouble-stirring local watchdogs, substituted the peripheral servants of a central and treatment-dominated bureaucracy. That is one reason why we have heard so little in defence of sensible regulations.

What disasters will the public have to face because of the equally hasty and ill-thought-out proposals to abolish the GLC and the metropolitan authorities? It is one thing for the Lords to amend the abolition Bill. It would be a much better thing to force the Government back to the drawing-board if only to get the many health and safety implications properly dealt with.—Yours sincerel".

(Dr) Peter Draper.
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London SE10.

Sir,—The fire at Bradford City football ground is not the first to cause tragic loss of life at a public assembly; one is reminded of the Summerland fire in the Isle of Man, and the Woolworth's fire in Manchester.

The lessons of these fires are well-known to professional people in building and are set out in the National Building Regulations. One of the most extensive sections of this code is that devoted to fire protection and means of escape. This section is normally administered by the chief fire officer as a statutory duty, and the building owner is obliged to comply with the requirements before being granted a certificate of occupancy.

The Bradford authorities seem to imply that football stands lie outside the jurisdiction of the regulations. If so, the fire officer's function can only be advisory, and it falls upon Parliament to remedy this defect without delay, placing all structures used for public assembly under the existing fire regulations.

No one with experience could have been surprised at the speed at which the fire spread through the Bradford football stand; intense heat, speed, and dense smoke are the characteristics of all fires. To see it on Saturday as we did was devastating, appalling. A sprinkler system in the roof would have quelled it sufficiently to allow time for spectators to escape.

No ground should be allowed to open next season before attention has been given to: the removal or fire protection of combustible materials; the provision of fire and smoke-proof escape corridors, and an overhead sprinkler system.—Yours faithfully,

D. B. Robson.
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High Wycombe, Bucks.

Sir,—Comments made after the Bradford City fire may have led many people who are not regular attenders of professional football matches to feel the disaster would not have occurred if the club had been in a higher division and thus subject to the safety of sports grounds legislation.

Unfortunately it has become a habit among many first and second division clubs to ignore sections of the law, and the Government seems unwilling to enforce compliance.

The most flagrant breech of the legislation concerns the locking of gates, clearly a factor in the Bradford fire. At grounds as diverse as Nottingham Forest and Luton Town away supporters are forced to stand in a cage with bars at the front to stop entry to the pitch and locked doors behind to stop exit into the streets. When challenged, clubs say this is done on police advice: gates are kept locked they say until some 10 minutes after the match is over so that home supporters may disperse before the away fans.

Within 90 minutes of the Bradford disaster Birmingham police ordered the gates to be kept locked for no less than 20 minutes after the end of the game, and still this did not restrict the violence. Indeed it can be argued that it merely inflames passions and transfers violence from the grounds to the streets.

There can be no doubt that if a fire breaks out in a section of a ground where spectators cannot get on to the pitch, the death toll will run into thousands. The Home Secretary really does need to explain why he allows this to continue. Shutting crowds in only tends to exacerbate the situation and make them more likely to riot once let out.—Yours faithfully,

Tony Attwood.
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Northampton.

Examiners' failures

Sir, — The truth about A-levels is both better and worse than Charles Smith suspects (Letters, May 11).

The good news is that there is no conspiracy by the examination boards to depress candidates' grades by "about 3 per cent each year" or any other percentage. If Charles Smith had consulted the boards' annual statistics from, say, 1979 he would have seen that pass-rates and the percentages of candidates awarded each grade have remained more or less constant, board by board and subject by subject, over the past 6 years.

The bad news is that pass-rates and grade-percentages can vary widely among the nine GCE boards. For example, in the English literature A-level examinations held by the three largest boards in summer 1983 the percentages of school candidates passing were: London 66.8, JMB 73.8, AEB 84.6, and AEB Alternative syllabus 90.2.

Such differences cannot be due solely to different qualities of candidature. Comparing just two boards, we find that London regularly passes more A-level candidates than JMB in geography, German, history, maths and physics, but that JMB passes more candidates than London in biology, economics and English.

Moreover, in almost every major subject JMB awards more grade As than London — and most other boards — nearly twice as many in some subjects in some years. This information could be vital to young people who need A grades, for example to read medicine or to enter Oxbridge.

Surprisingly there is as yet no mechanism for comparing the standards of the nine GCE boards. The Secondary Examinations Council (formerly the Schools Council) scrutinises the individual boards' examinations from time to time, but does not compare them with those of other boards. The boards themselves conduct comparability studies, but these are occasional, voluntary, and almost never involve all nine boards.

Injustice to candidates does not arise then from conspiracy but from complacency. With the A-level examinations three weeks away, parents will not be pleased to learn that their children's future is partly at the mercy of the boards' jealously guarded independence. — Yours sincerely,

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Kingston upon Thames.

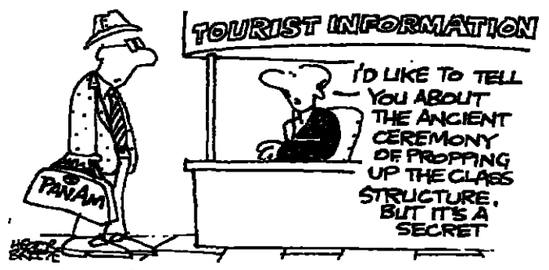
The paradox of a land where people are forced to be free

Sir,—Harold Jackson's article (May 11) contrasting the sense of personal freedom in the United States with the situation in Britain strikes a deep chord in me.

As an American citizen who has lived in the UK for 18 years, I am continually struck by the deep-seated authoritarianism of British society and the British state, despite prevailing myths. Articles over the years by other American "self-imposed exiles" extolling the freedom they have found here reflect, in my view, the particular circumstances of their leaving the US (as it once did of my own) rather than any broad social reality.

I am convinced that Watergate could never have happened here because it would have been much easier to prevent the information reaching the public in the first place and hushing it up through the Official Secrets Act afterwards. Libel laws also provide a widely used means of a priori censorship here.

A wide range of police powers mentioned by Mr Jackson would be limited, rather than reinforced, by the US courts; British



"sus" laws have provided another glaring example. The vigilance of pressure groups, politicians more responsive to constituencies than whips, and even "ambulance-chasing" lawyers across the Atlantic may seem chaotic, but they reflect a many-layered culture which contrasts with Britain's stifling orderliness.

It would be wrong, however, to focus too closely on the legal side. Mr Jackson makes too much of the Bill of Rights: how could it "stick" without a full and widely accepted documentary constitution.

But class and a vested interests are a fundamental issue here. The groups which possess resources and influence in British society have over the centuries developed elaborate methods of protecting the basic shape of the social hierarchy while Britain declines around them.

The class corporatism of the judicial system and the legal profession; the translation of selective attitudes and mentalities into comprehensive schools; the dominance of finance over industry; the introverted tunnel vision of Yes, Minister civil servants; and even the Malthusian attitude of supposedly "radical" trade unions reflect a deep gut fear of movement and change.

Despite the present Government's ostensible belief in movement and change, its fundamentally authoritarian instincts lead it to attempt to impose that change — to "force the people to be free." Paradoxically they end up by further entrenching a drab defensiveness and defeatism through all sections of society, only livening it up with small wars and royal circuses.

This is not the way to build a new entrepreneurial spirit. It just makes the better-off a bit more relieved and the worse-off a bit more despairing. There is no simple solution. The alternatives are further decline or some sort of deep-seated social transformation — the sort that cannot be imposed from above.

As Mr Jackson would seem to imply, it will ultimately mean a change in attitudes, which goes far beyond the current political debate — this applies to the centrism of the Alliance as well as to the other parties — to the core of the class system. This has been said by critics for many, many years but it just becomes more and more true.—Yours faithfully,

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University of York.

Cold Day

Sir, — The problem with James Burke's programme, the Day the Universe Changed, is not so much the way it is presented, but its message. The "rationalism" with which Burke is clearly enamoured and whose exposure Lynne Reid Banks (Letters, May 10) finds so refreshing, comes in for no critical treatment whatever.

Burke shows us that science — the practical face of rationalism — has many wonderful achievements under its belt: bridges, medical equipment, warm houses, etc. It has also played a large part in creating engines of destruction.

Rationalism's conversations are littered with words like "analysis," "definition," and "manipulation." Little wonder that its dialogue with nature — the seat of synthesis and harmony — is sometimes characterised by myopic misunderstanding.

Rationalism is simply one way of looking at the world among many others, some of which are less aggressive and more caring. Western intellectual tradition has not yet got around to asking questions of its own methodology, and it is a matter of some urgency that it does so. — Sincerely,

Andrew Dobson.
Oxford.

The Falklands Ozimandias

Sir,—The Falkland Islands airstrip has been formally opened at a basic cost of £400 million and Mrs Thatcher has described it as a triumph. Would it not be a nice gesture to commemorate this and her other triumphs by erecting a statue of her, overlooking the airstrip? The inscription, I suggest, might well be taken from Shelley's Ozimandias of Egypt: "Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair"! — Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) Ann Broadhouse.
Wareham, Dorset.

A COUNTRY DIARY

OXFORDSHIRE: Bargeman's cabbage, the wild brassica from which both the swede and oil-seed rape have evolved, is to be found on the banks of waterways and used to be a source of fresh green vegetable food for the bargee, as its name implies. In times of scarcity of such garden produce the present season, after the winter loss of curly kale and sprouting broccoli, being an extreme example — an excursion along the banks of the Evenlode to gather this palatable "food for free" has a secondary purpose: one of the best sites is also annually favoured by the presence of tree pipits, now far from common locally. On a recent visit the pipit was performing its shuttlecock song-flight descent to the crown of a hawthorn and, in an ox-bow loop of the brook, I found a good supply of the succulent young shoots of the greens. But the pleasure of achieving both aims of the trip was marred when I noticed the drooping vegetation all along the river bank of the opposite meadow. The grass had been sprayed with a selective herbicide, but the operation had included the steep bank right down to water-level, for willow herb, meadowsweet, loosestrife, teasels, nettles, hedge garlic, and the bargeman's cabbage all hung limp down the bank. What is so alarming about this incident is that all along the margin of the field some of the chemical herbicide must have fallen into the brook.

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How can private homes for elderly people be kept up to standard? In the second of his series, David Hencke examines the 'Norfolk method' — and the research that shows there is still some way to go

In search of a place like home

HOMING INSTINCTS

FOR every 10 people applying to open a private old people's home in Norfolk, nine give up after going through the rigorous procedures employed by the county's social services department.

Yet such is the interest and demand for new private facilities that there is still one new home opening every fortnight in this mainly rural county. Last year, Norfolk dealt with 280 inquiries from potential proprietors and saw just over 20 new homes opening during the same period.

Since 1981 the county has been experiencing a boom in home development in line with national figures. In 1975 in Britain there was only one private residential bed for every public sector bed — a total of 18,759 compared with 95,000. By 1982 the proportion had changed to one in three — some 35,839 compared with 103,500. The latest estimates — there are no official figures — suggest there are now about 48,000 private beds — almost one in two.

Norfolk has been regarded as one of the front runners in seeking to regulate and control the development of private homes. Long before the new Registered Homes Act came into force in January, with powers to register, deregister, inspect and lay down minimum standards, the county had its own guidelines.

Mr Bryan Rowe, the senior homes registration officer for the county, played a major role in drawing up the national code of practice which came into force following the Act. Indeed the county's way of handling and controlling the boom has been called "the Norfolk method."

Mr Rowe says that one of the essential ingredients in the process is known as the "Billy Graham routine in reverse." Instead of encouraging the potential and already enthusiastic private home owner to proceed, the county went out of its way to preach the pitfalls of going into such a business.

At one stage potential home owners were encouraged to meet at a residential home and discuss their project with the county's most ageing and most vulnerable residents. Many shocked proprietors who expected to meet kindly, sweet people gave up on the spot.

Now Norfolk has given up this practice — mainly to respect the privacy of the elderly people who should not be gawped at — and replaced the visit with a video that shows some of more difficult aspects of looking after them.

But the process continues with a seminar which every potential proprietor must attend, at a cost of £20. Here the cost of such an investment is spelled out: Norfolk estimates that people need about £120,000 to £150,000 working capital to set up a home. Potential proprietors are warned against buying isolated country rectories, which pose problems because they are often miles from any public transport, difficult to reach for both residents and residential staff, and sometimes too distant from the local GP in emergencies.

Proprietors who are still determined to go ahead must provide four references, covering both their financial position and their character.

The county would like access to police files to make sure that any potential villain can be weeded out at this stage. It has so far failed to persuade the Government on this point, although the Association of County Councils is campaigning on the issue.

Once the proprietor is approved, considerable effort is made to ensure that the property is viable. Each potential home is scrutinised at a site visit with the environmental health officer, and planners and fire officers meet with the social services department.

Norfolk insists that every single room must be at least 10 square metres and every double room 15 square metres. Every home must have two communal rooms; there must be a ratio of one toilet to every four residents and a bath for every eight. A guest room must be provided and the central heating has to be adequate. Recent rulings by Norfolk also mean that two storey buildings are frowned upon. The owner then has to prepare the building and be ready for a meeting with the registration panel.

Further scrutiny is made to ensure that adequate staff cover is available — every home in Norfolk must have night cover — and the home is finally inspected before its registration is approved.

Only then can the home open and even after this the proprietors are encouraged to attend conferences and further training courses. There is regular liaison between the Department of Health and Social Security, the county council and the private home owner.

Mr Rowe admits that even with these controls the system is not foolproof. But there is evidence, he says, that by making careful scrutiny of potential applicants a lot of problems can be avoided. Such an approach is also useful where resources are scarce. By emphasising prevention, Norfolk can avoid employing too many people to chase up poor owners.

Mr Edward Hackford, a deputy director of social services responsible for the area, says he preferred to work with the private home owners in raising standards to putting them out of business. "We have not deregistered anybody for years — but that does not mean that we have not been able to raise standards."

He points out that deregistration could be interpreted as a last resort or even an admission of failure, particularly when the authority had gone to enormous lengths to ensure that the right people were encouraged to set up homes in the first place. This, he says, will be effective as long as the screening work is done. If it is not done so thoroughly by other authorities who then have few resources to monitor the developments, the result would not be the same. So far, since the new Act came into force there has only been one application to deregister a home in Britain.

HELPING HAND: picture in a Norfolk home by E. Hamilton West

One in five had been admitted by someone who thought it 'best for them'

BRITAIN'S private home owners are not a group of greedy, small businessmen exploiting vulnerable unsuspecting, elderly people. But neither does the private sector produce a "flowering of secure, home-like communities where old people can achieve continuity with their existing life and bold entrepreneurs can reap their just rewards".

These are two of the conclusions of the first detailed investigation into private old people's homes, by the Centre for Environmental and Social Studies in Ageing at the Polytechnic of North London.

Their survey involved questionnaires to 100 homes and detailed visits and stays at 10 homes — all in Norfolk and just when the county was launching its own system of monitoring and regulating the private sector.

Their findings suggest that while Norfolk's new system certainly prevented the worst abuses of private care, it did not necessarily provide ideal circumstances for many of the elderly people or staff.

The study looked in detail at 178 residents — two thirds paying their own way and one third relying on some form of public assistance. The majority (84 per cent) were women but they were fit in comparison with people living in old people's homes in the state sector.

Half the people were admitted to private homes because of failing health, but only 38 per cent had exercised any choice by visiting the home prior to admission and only one in four had made a real choice between homes. Significantly, one in five elderly people had been referred by someone else — a social worker, a member of a family or a GP who thought "it best for them".

Staff in the homes were mainly low paid women, ranging in age from 16 to 83. Few had received any formal training, although Norfolk was trying to rectify this. (About 61 per cent of proprietors had nursing qualifications, while 20 per cent had neither qualifications nor previous experience.)

Deployment of staff is described by the researchers, Dianne Willcocks, Tim Weaver and Leonie Kellaher, as varying between casual and militaristic. Formal arrangements were often neglected or replaced with numerous ad-hoc arrangements, with some staff agreeing to be "on call" at night. Four out of the 10 homes lacked proper night cover in spite of a county ruling that all homes should have cover.

Wages varied between £1.20 and £1.50 an hour, with one worker being paid in cans of food for one stint. Staff satisfaction was high despite low material rewards.

Physical conditions in the 10 homes showed that many did not come up to standards now imposed by Norfolk. They found inadequate dining rooms, where residents could not all eat together, corridors without proper rails, and homes with inadequate lifts or no lifts at all.

The researchers also found that if proprietors wanted to increase their profit, the only viable way was to extend their home by providing more bedrooms. They point out that as a long-term strategy "proprietors must be prepared to extend beyond a financially debilitating occupancy level close to the threshold of viability in order to create profit and reinvest in care."

Where proprietors came dangerously near to the brink there was growing evidence of "burn out" caused by overcommitment of personal energies and resources. One in five homes changed hands during the one year research project. The most vulnerable homes were the smaller ones which suggest that "cottage caring" may soon be on the way out.

Nevertheless, the researchers believe that the Norfolk model of regulation does work and can provide reciprocal benefits. They say it can both raise standards and create a context in which private homes can survive and make a profit.

"In this way, it becomes possible for that group of elderly people who can turn to the private sector to obtain the quality of care that they merit".

Next week: A local authority alternative for community care.

Jung: "We are the danger"

Me and my shadow

There's a message for each one of us in the new film biography of C. G. Jung. Ann Shearer reports

BIOGRAPHERS, said C. G. Jung, should show people in their undershirts. Now, and nearly a quarter of a century after his death, he has been taken at something like his word. Matter of Heart is a filmic evocation of the man and his thought which is going to remain unique: not just a rare chance to see him speaking, but an unrepeatable gathering together of interviews with the now old men and women who knew him well.

Especially those formidable women. There was, as someone here says, a little too much transference about some times in those early Zurich days. The women were there from the start: here he is in the clips from those old and wobbly home movies, just surrounded by them. And such cultism, recalls one now — just reeking, just goofy, just awful. The men saw him a bit differently — hopeless father figure, after all, far too changing and irrational.

To men and women both, though, he could be far from easy. What a charlatan he could seem at first acquaintance, how vain, how critical, how insistent that he knew best when he didn't. But how lovingly they remember him too, irresistible he must have been. So warm, they say, "so transparent for people," so full of energy and humour in his puncturing of pomposities. And so finally simple, too, in the film of him guddling about, childlike, in the water at the side of the lake. Passing locals who had heard that he was the greatest depth psychologist alive would wonder disbelievingly as they saw him, that people should come to him from all over the world.

But it isn't just as therapist that the C. G. Jung Institute of Los Angeles, which put the film together, wants him known to a wider audience. Nor is the concern just to present a more complete and honest biographical sketch than we've yet had. (The lengthy discussion of the precise nature of his long relationship with Toni Wolff and its huge importance to his work, however, and of how she and Emma Jung worked out a way of both loving the man, goes a lot further than anything yet revealed on this touchy topic; to judge by the snappish comment of one grandson — "two wives and one man — just an excuse — should have been stopped" — the skeleton rattles in the family closet yet.)

But in the end, it is the essentially political nature of the man's message that matters here most — and most timely it comes to our troubled world. For Jung, the personal was the political; analytical psychology, he says here, is not just to do with therapy, with the treatment of individual neurosis: it is also a pedagogy, something like antique philosophy — a challenge to the role of humankind.

The great events of world history are, at bottom, profoundly unimportant. The essential thing is the life of the individual, which alone make history. . . ." "What our world lacks is the psychic connection, and no clique, no community of interests, no political party and no State will ever be able to replace this."

It was the forging of that connection that he saw as central, in his insistence on the task of becoming aware of the uncomfortable fact that the unconscious is as much a reality as the conscious, and on the taking of individual responsibility for that dark shadow rather than projecting it onto the convenient personal, political or national enemy.

It was psychic reality he was after, and not the illusion of light; wholeness and not perfection: in his study of alchemy he offered a mythical container to link our past and our present which is more complete that the Christian myth, with its one-sided emphasis on the good and light and its rejection of the dark. His insistence was on living religiously, not on observing a religion.

And if not? "We are the great danger," he says here; "the psyche is the great danger." Just before he died, he had a vision of the final catastrophe, of the last 50 years of humankind. The last time Marie Louise von Franz, one of his closest collaborators, saw him, he was speaking of enormous areas of devastation

And now? She is not too optimistic as she sees the splits in the world, continuing projection of that shadow within onto the enemy outside. But here too is the hope: it is the withdrawal of that projected shadow which is the individual at work for peace that becomes the collective one. If we are honest, she says, we can find these things. If we are honest.

Matter of Heart opens tomorrow in London, at the Gate Cinema, Bloomsbury.

Family courts were mooted 11 years ago. So what's kept them? Malcolm Dean explains

Domestic help wanted, urgently

THE first conference of all the professional people involved in a family court — social workers, lawyers, judges — meets today at the Law Society's headquarters in London, 11 years after the Finer Committee first proposed the idea.

Ten years ago when pressed in the House of Commons to say whether the Labour government would introduce family courts, Mr Sam Silkin, the Labour Attorney General, replied: "Of course, it is the government's policy. The question is whether it be this year, next year, or . . ."

The Conservative party was equally unequivocal in its support for family courts. This was reinforced by a special report from the Society of Conservative Lawyers.

The House of Commons select committee on social services in a report last year showed the proposal still had all-party support but the committee added: "The record of successive governments does not suggest that family courts are likely to be established unless there is a sustained political demand for them."

There have been well over five million domestic cases since Finer reported in 1974. The biggest single group is the separated and divorced. Over three million people have been divorced in the last decade. There have been about two million applications to vary maintenance, access or attachment of earnings orders in the magistrates' courts alone. The county courts have dealt with another two million domestic proceedings including the majority of divorces.

But domestic proceedings are not just about separation and divorce. They deal with adoption, guardianship, child neglect and battered wives as well.

The defects of the present system were set out by Finer and a succession of subsequent reports from organisations like the Law Society and the British Association of Social Workers.

The first — and the worst — is the two-tier system of justice. Finer's aim was to bring together the three separate court systems dealing with family and domestic issues — magistrates, county courts and the High Court — to create a single unified system. This would end the present system under which the poor turn to the second class substitute for matrimonial relief, the magistrates, and the better off to the county courts or High Court. Under a unified family court the level at which a case would be heard would depend not on the wealth of the parties but the complexity of the issues.

A second defect is that different issues in the same case (financial support, occupation of the family home, ownership of family assets, access and custody) are heard by different courts. The same case can shuttle back and forth between the county and High Court. Even on the same issue some cases shuttle back and forth. One recent case involving the custody of a child had six hearings at three different levels in three months at a cost of at least £20,000 to the legal aid fund.

Other defects include inconsistent judgments between the separate levels, no training (although it was announced last week that this would start next year) and an inappropriate procedure. Solicitors and social workers would like to see the courts switch from the adversarial to an inquisitorial approach.

Why, then, when there has been so much support — both political and professional — for the proposal has there been so little progress?

On October 20, 1975, Mrs Barbara Castle, who as Secretary of State for Social Services was responsible for answering questions on Finer, told the Commons: "There is nothing that we should like more than to be able to provide separate accommodation for all forms of domestic business. But here we come up against the grim realities of public expenditure".

We now know, however, that that was not the complete story. The Castle Diaries for 1974-76 published five years later show that Mrs Castle had gone to see Elwyn Jones, the Labour Lord Chancellor, four days before the 1975 debate.

The Diaries state: "Hurried over to see Elwyn about family courts. I am really trying to get to the bottom of what we are doing on Finer . . . Elwyn was as charming as usual and convinced me that the elaborate new machinery Finer proposes just is not on. . . ."

So who nobbled Elwyn? Three groups are said to have been opposed — some judges and and most barristers, both of whom have direct lines into the Lord Chancellor's Department, plus the civil servants who deal with them. Some people within the Department of Health and Social Security wanted to pursue the idea, but the reform of the courts is strictly under the control of Lord Chancellor. Even if she had wanted to pursue the reform, Barbara Castle would have found it impossible.

Unlike his immediate predecessors — Lords Gardiner and Hailsham — Lord Elwyn Jones was not a reformer. He wanted a quiet life in the post, and he had one. It would not have been difficult for his advisers to persuade him that the proposals were too expensive.

In three separate reports since Finer was postponed by the government for financial reasons the Law Society has argued that a family court would reduce expenditure. Neither side has produced figures but the Law Society suggests the proposals would mean not more work but the redistribution of existing work. It believes there would be savings because more cases could be settled at one hearing rather than shuttled from one level to the other and the informality of family courts would mean they could use office accommodation rather than the more expensive formal courtrooms.

Neither the judges nor the barristers who are opposed have publicly set out their reasons. But the barristers are worried that family courts would allow solicitors a wider right of audience before the courts and the judges who are opposed are either against change anyway or dislike some part of the package

Although the Magistrates' Association has not yet taken a stand it is in favour of removing the adversarial procedure from domestic proceedings and supports the idea of disputes over access and custody going to conciliation before reaching the courts.

The justices' clerks have been suspicious because they believe the finer reforms would need fewer administrators and have produced their own model, which uses the existing magistrates' courts as a base for a family court.

One purpose of today's conference is to examine the various models to see whether a consensus can be achieved on the best structure. A government working party is due to report later this year on the resource implications of Finer's scheme.

The conference has caused some concern within the Lord Chancellor's Department which expects its client groups to use Whitehall's inside track rather than the outside track of a public conference. The Law Society, however, has been using the inside track for 10 years and still got nowhere. The Select Committee's message that only a sustained political campaign will succeed appears to have struck home.

BODY AND SOUL

Killjoy was here

WHATEVER craze may sweep the beaches this summer you can be sure a certain type of doctor will be at hand, eyes bright and pen primed, eager to publish the first condemnatory account of it. Medical censoriousness is an ancient tradition — some doctors are still uncertain whether they approve of sex — but in the 1950s it resurged powerfully with the coming of the hula hoop.

Doctors discovered that if they issued gloomy warnings about what hooping could do to the spine, not only did they get their letters in their professional journals but their names in the sort of newspapers read by their patients.

They needed little further encouragement and recently, for instance, we've had grave pronouncements about Jogger's Nipple, Break-dancing Neck, Crab-eater's Lung, Swim-goggle Headache, and Amusement Slide Anaphylaxis.

And, in the index of the new England Journal of Medicine, which specialises in this sort of thing, you can find Cyclist's Pudendum, Dog Walker's Elbow, Space Invaders' Wrist, Unicyclist's Sciatica, Jeans Folliculitis, Jogger's Kidney, Flautist's Neuropathy, and Urban Cowboy's Rhabdomyolosis — a painful nastiness in the muscles caused by riding mechanical bucking broncos in amusement arcades.

Censorious doctors seem particularly to enjoy knocking activities promoted by their heartier colleagues. There's an eagerness, for instance, in the way they record the afflictions of joggers, bombarding medical journals with reports of muscle and joint injuries, heart attacks, asthma, and amenorrhoea. Recently three punctilious Swiss physicians reported yet another jogging hazard: bird attacks by the European Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*).

With doctors revelling so brazenly in the role of gloomy killjoy, small wonder that patients are flocking to fringe medicine and beyond in search of the homely optimism that once radiated from Tannochbrae.

In the land of the cliche, prevention may be better than cure but, back in the real world, the punters warm more readily to dear old Dr Cameron than to finger-wagging Dr Snoddie. Medicine must not blind itself to the wisdom of great men like Mr Robert Robinson, who have said that they hope their doctors will keep any bad news to themselves. Optimism has always been powerful therapy and I have often seen optimistic doctors help patients fight off — even overcome the effects of incurable disease.

Optimism also enchances a doctor's reputation. When his patients die, friends and relatives will say: "The doctor was marvellous. He did all that was humanly possible but nature beat him in the end." His reputation always outshines that of the medical pessimist whose patients never die "in spite of his efforts." Even worse, they occasionally survive in spite of his efforts.

The world is full of gleeful old fogies eager to describe how they cheated their pessimistic doctors. They wave their walking sticks and tell us proudly how, maybe 40 years before, some gloomy killjoy gave them only six months to live.

Optimism, I am convinced, is an essential component of that ephemeral quality possessed by doctors whom patients feel better for seeing, no matter what treatment is prescribed. Such doctors are often assumed to be endowed with gifts denied to their colder hearted colleagues, but thirty years of casual doctor-watching have persuaded me that the "gift" is largely a technique. Given the right technique, today's gloomy denouncer of cream cakes, coffee, and BMX bicycles could transmogrify overnight into dear old Dr Cameron.

The best techniques are rarely written down but are passed by word of mouth within the brotherhood or handed down as heirlooms from doctor fathers to their doctor sons. The most valuable one I know was passed to me by the grandson of a distinguished Dublin physician, Richard Leeper.

Leeper's gift to his grandson went something like this: "Never give medicine to a dying man. Always give him brandy. Everyone knows that brandy never harmed anyone but give the patient medicine and someone will say: 'God forgive me if I wrong him, but the doctor's draught was the last thing the poor man took'."

Grandfather Leeper must have received that advice round about 1880 and no one knows how many generations it had passed through before it reached him. It could well have started with Hippocrates, for that quality of learning has an imperishable validity.

Michael O'Donnell

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The Director of Personnel and Management Services
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The Housing Centre
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Housing Executive

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Further details are available from Michael Suter, Deputy Chief Executive at County Hall. Tel: Nottingham (0602) 823823 Ext. 3202.

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(North Area Office) Ref. JC4/110

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For informal discussion please contact Ruth Young or any member of the Basford team (North Area) on Nottingham (0602) 506211. Requests for application forms and job description should be made in writing to the Staffing Section, Social Services Department at County Hall. Closing date 6 June.

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Salary: £7524 - £8262

The person appointed should be able to provide evidence at a high level of initiative, adaptability and social responsibility. An essential requirement is the ability to relate to black people and their particular problems. Counselling skills are also desirable.

Activities Organiser

Salary: £7524 - £8262

To be responsible for the development of educational and recreational activities with Spectrum. Applicants should be able to liaise with voluntary, statutory and community organisations. Proven experience of work with the black community is essential. A Social Service/Youth and Community qualification would be advantageous.

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Salary: £6555 - £7329

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Interviews will be held during the week beginning 19th June and all applicants must be able to attend for interview during that week.

Application forms (returnable by 31st May 1985) and further details from Director of P. & M.S. New Walk Centre, Welford Place, Leicester LE1 6ZG Telephone (0533) 549922 ext 7082

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£16,629–£18,489 inc. Ref: HGb217.
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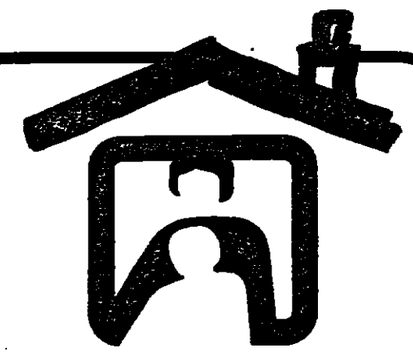

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INTERMEDIATE TREATMENT PROJECT WORKER

(Based Trowbridge)

Salary £6,555-£8,262 p.a.

As part of a county-wide initiative, a team of three project workers, under the direction of a Co-ordinator, has been formed in the West Wilts. area to set up and operate I.T. programmes for young people appearing before the Courts and those on the fringes of delinquency.

Applicants should have suitable experience and preferably hold a qualification in Social/Youth and Community work or teaching. Additional necessary attributes are energy, enthusiasm and an ability to enjoy working alongside young people with difficulties.

Applicants must be car drivers — car user allowance payable. Disturbance/Removal allowance of up to £1,155 plus actual cost of removal in approved cases.

For informal discussion contact Anne Byrne on Trowbridge 3641, Extension 3741. Job description and application form, quoting 85/15B, from Social Services Dept, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8LE (Tel: 3641, Ext. 2972), returnable by May 24, 1985.

Sherborne House Day Centre
34 Decima Street, London SE1

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR/ ANCILLARY WORKER

(£9,339-£10,491)

Sherborne House provides an alternative to custody for persistent offenders aged 16-20 as part of a court order. The 60-day programme includes education, groupwork, workshops, sport, creative arts and outdoor pursuits.

This job divides roughly equally between instructing in a small, well equipped wood, metal and plastics workshop and supervising sports and other activities. You should have a trade or teaching background with experience of working with difficult inner city young people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. You must be willing to participate in sports and outdoor activities and have a current driving licence. Knowledge of either electronics or computing would help in future developments. The ability to work in a multidisciplinary team is essential.

Informal enquiries and visits will be welcomed by David Perry, the Director (01-403 5027). Job description and application forms from the Personnel Department, Inner London Probation Service, 73 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2BN. Tel: 01-222 5656. Closing date 29th May, 1985.

St. Monica Home

DOMESTIC BURSAR

The position of Domestic Bursar is a new post and the person appointed will be responsible for the efficient management of the domestic, catering, laundry and sewing room services for St. Monica Home, St. Monica Court Flats and when completed, a new development comprising 50 warden controlled flats.

This is a full-time appointment for which an acceptance of flexible working hours is necessary, including some week-end work. The challenging post provides an opportunity for a committed and enthusiastic person to maintain and develop the present Services.

Applicants should possess the H.C.I.M.A. or other appropriate professional qualification and have relevant experience.

A highly competitive salary will be offered, commensurate to the responsibilities of the position and our status as a prestigious charitable Home for the physically disabled.

Application form and job description from: **The House Governor, St. Monica Home, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3UM. Telephone 0272 629281. Closing date: 31st May 1985.**

WHITE LODGE CENTRE

HEAD OF CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Required for this unit which is for the assessment, treatment and education of cerebral palsied children. This job entails day-to-day running of the unit and co-ordination of the work of a multi-disciplinary team, also included is liaison with parents and voluntary helpers.

White Lodge is a registered charity working closely with local and health authorities and other voluntary bodies.

The successful applicant will probably be a therapist who has experience of working with children in an inter-disciplinary environment although people with other qualifications and experience will also be considered.

Experience of administration is also desirable.

Salary to be negotiated.

Applications to: Carol Myer, The Director, White Lodge Centre, Holloway Hill, Chertsey, Surrey. Telephone: Chertsey (09328) 67131.

THE HEARING AND SPEECH TRUST
in association with
The Institute of Laryngology and Otology
invite applications for a

CAMPAIGN ORGANISER

preferably with previous fund-raising experience, with energy, organisational flair and well developed communication skills to co-ordinate activities and administer the fund-raising office. The Trust is involved in raising funds for research into deafness, initially for research at the Institute but ultimately on a national level. Salary up to £10,000 / £12,000 per annum (part-time or full-time).

Applications to the Secretary, The Institute of Laryngology and Otology, 330-332 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EE from whom further details may be obtained.

PROGRAMME OFFICER

required for busy overseas students' centre in London, Regents Park area.

Suit recent graduate active in student union / social club affairs.

Application form from Mrs Farr at 229 Great Portland Street, London W1N 5HD.

THE CATHOLIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS — CIIR

GENERAL SECRETARY

CIIR is seeking to appoint a new General Secretary, to take over responsibility from January 1986 for the overall policy and direction of the organisation.

CIIR is an independent organisation, which provides volunteer technical assistance overseas and a specialised education programme at home and abroad on issues of international poverty, social justice and Third World development.

Applicants must be members of the Roman Catholic church.

Salary: in the region of £12,000.

Closing date for application: 21st June 1985. Interviews will be held 15th to 30th July 1985.

For full details and an application form, please write to Sue Chapman, Chairwoman of the Executive Committee, CIIR, 22 Coleman Fields, London N1 7AF.

ST. MICHAEL'S FELLOWSHIP

TWO DEPUTIES

WANTED FOR PIONEERING RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS IN S. LONDON

1. Herne Hill Road is a unit, for five unsupported adolescent parents and we are looking for someone with imagination and initiative to help girls with disturbed backgrounds become adequate mothers and prepare them for independence. Commitment to residential care essential and experience with adolescents preferred.

2. Crawford House is a unit for four unsupported parents with severe problems where they are helped to reach their potential as parents. We are looking for an experienced residential worker with commitment and ability to take responsibility.

Salaries and conditions are according to experience and in line with L.A.'s. Job descriptions and application forms from Alison Du Cane, 14 Lansdowne Road, London W11 3LW.

To Advertise in Public Appointments

Write or phone:
The Guardian
Classified
Advertisement
Department

119 Farringdon Road
London EC1R 3ER
Tel.: 01-278 2332

or

164 Deansgate
Manchester M60 2RR
Tel.: 061-832 7200
Ext. 2161

ARTS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE IN WALES

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

ADPW now in its fourth year of development. It requires someone with considerable experience of both the Arts and of People with Disabilities. The work entails recruitment and training of artists in Community Skills and influencing the Caring Services in the value of Arts for People with Disabilities. An integral part of the work is to provide opportunity for People with Disabilities to take part in decision making.

National Fund Raising is essential to the work. A car owner with valid driving licence.

£7,525-£8,262 p.a. plus Essential Car Users Allowance.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS 31 MAY 1985.

Job Description from: The Secretary, Arts for Disabled People in Wales, Caerbragdy Estate, Bedwas Road, Caerphilly, Mid-Glamorgan CF8 3SL.

THE WOODLAND TRUST
requires an

ASSISTANT REGIONAL OFFICER

to assist with the management of its woodland properties in South-East England.

The successful applicant will be at least 24 years old and ideally have a degree in an environmental subject and practical experience of woodland management and conservation.

This is a demanding position requiring considerable travel for which an allowance will be paid.

The post is grant-aided by the Countryside Commission.

Salary negotiable up to £7,000.

Please apply for a full job description and application form to The Woodland Trust, Westgate, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG31 6LL. Tel: (0476) 74297.

the woodland trust

INTERIGHTS

(The International centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights) wishes to appoint an

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INTERIGHTS is an international organisation based in London. It promotes the enforcement of international Human rights law through legal advice, information, and other assistance to individuals, lawyers and NGOs.

Applications are invited from persons with experience in Human rights and administration.

Further details may be obtained from: **Jeremy McBride, High Hall, Church Road, Birmingham B15 3SZ.**

The closing date for applications is 30th May 1985.

INTERIGHTS is a non profit organisation funded by Ford Foundation and the G.L.C. (Re-advertisement).

Birmingham City Centre Citizens Advice Bureau
requires an

ASSISTANT ORGANISER

for one year on a fixed term contract. CAB experience preferable. Knowledge of Welfare Benefits and Debt Counselling advantageous.

Salary scale AP4/5, spinal points 24-30 (£7,525-£9,114) depending on experience and qualifications. for 37½-hour week.

For full details and application form write, enclosing SAE, to: The Lady Butterworth, District Organiser, Birmingham District CABx, Room 41, Doctor Johnson House, Bull Street, Birmingham, B4 6AJ. Closing date 28th May, 1985.

Citizens Advice Bureau

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY

Senior Care staff

(R.N.M.H./E.N.M.H.)

We need enthusiastic and caring people to join our team in providing a happy home-like environment for mentally handicapped adults.

The home in Manor Court Road, Nuneaton, will be a 15-bedded unit providing a home for mentally handicapped people who can no longer live at home with their families, and also providing phased care, holiday relief care, and a drop-in service.

Care will be based on Normalisation and integration and involvement of the mentally handicapped people in all local community amenities with emphasis on individual planning in conjunction with families and other agencies.

We are looking for:

Senior Care Staff (R.N.M.H./E.N.M.H.).

Who will perform multi-role duties and be flexible in the hours they work.

For further information or informal visit, contact: Miss Lesley Davenport, The Homeleader, 136 Manor Court Road, Nuneaton, Tel: 343773.

For job description and application form contact John Calwood, Senior Nurse — Community, 136 Manor Court Road, Nuneaton, telephone Nuneaton 343773. Closing date for applications: 5 June 1985.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

NEWHAM HOUSING SERVICES
homes for living in

Fieldwork Services Officer
SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

GRADE PO (3-6). SALARY: £11,916 to £12,900 p.a. (incl.)

We are looking for a manager, preferably with a background in housing, to take charge of fieldwork activities in the north of the district and to be responsible to the District Manager.

South East District covers East Ham and part of Custom House, together with Beckton, South Docklands and four estates located outside the Borough. This Officer is responsible for the whole area excluding the North Woolwich Neighbourhood Office — some 6,400 properties, 5,000 of which are in-Borough. The District Office is located in East Ham.

The post will be responsible for Fieldwork Teams, responsible for estate management, technical and caretaking functions and will play a leading role in servicing the Tenants' Liaison Committee and in encouraging Tenants' Associations to participate in the management of their estates.

There is a large rehabilitation programme in the District and, as well as overseeing the management of schemes on site — with particular emphasis on tenant consultation and welfare — the successful candidate will be able to contribute to reviewing the District's Capital Programme.

The responsibilities of this post are liable to change on decentralisation and further information can be provided on request. Newham is a Borough with a multi-racial population and the Council is conscious that its policies and delivery of service should reflect the needs of local communities and applicants should preferably have experience in working in a similar background. However, more important is a commitment to making sure there is equality of opportunity in providing the service and in eliminating racial harassment on estates.

This is a re-advertisement, previous applicants need not re-apply and will automatically be considered.

An application form and further details are available by writing to the Chief Executive's Department, (Management Services Division), Town Hall, East Ham, E6 2RP, or by telephoning 01-471 0619 (24-hour answering service).

Please quote reference ASC/329.

Closing date: 31st May, 1985.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

PROJECT FULLEMPLOY

Project Fullemploy is a training organisation providing intensive courses for young people, mainly from minority ethnic groups, who for whatever reason are at a disadvantage in the job market.

We have the following vacancies — all to be based at our Central Office which will shortly relocate to Park Village East, London NW1.

1. COMPANY RELATIONS OFFICER, £9,489 pa

To liaise with our supporting companies and seconded staff; to administer fund raising events; to co-ordinate the work of our employment officers and to generally assist the Company Relations Manager. Although much of the work is administrative, proven ability to take responsibility for specific areas of work is sought.

2. SELF EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT WORKER, £9,489 pa

To set up and co-ordinate five Resource Centres for those in, or considering, self employment. Continuing liaison with the Manpower Services Commission, local businesses and communities, potential users and Fullemploy training centres is required. Will involve regular travel to Birmingham, Manchester, Bradford and Liverpool. One year contract under MBC's VPP scheme.

3. TRAINING DEVELOPMENT WORKER, £9,489 pa

To evaluate and develop Fullemploy's training activities; to market training and awareness packages to new customers, eg employers and Community Programme sponsors, and on occasions to conduct training. Experience in training or vocational education in a community or commercial setting is essential.

4. RESOURCE UNIT ASSISTANT, £6,876 pa

To input data to an IBM PC on trainees, sponsoring companies, staff etc, and to produce printouts to standard formats and in response to ad hoc enquiries. Also to provide secretarial support to the Resource Unit staff. Previous experience of working with computers is essential.

For more details and an application form, please contact Liz Audus on 01-262 2405, Project Fullemploy, 48 Bryanston Square, London W1H 7LN, specifying the job(s) in which you are interested. Formal qualifications are not required for any of the posts.

Project Fullemploy is an equal opportunities employer.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Senior Social Worker (Senior Practitioner)

£11,355-£11,964 p.a. incl.

We are a developing neighbourhood office seeking a generic Senior Social Worker with a minimum 2 years post-qualification experience to join our patch at Sands End, Fulham.

Our group has both generic and specialist workers and is committed to developing community social work whilst maintaining high standards of work with children in care or at risk. This post offers ample opportunity for an innovative person with initiative and enthusiasm. We are a friendly, cohesive group and would welcome your contribution of knowledge and expertise to the development of high standards within the team. (Ref. SCAT 4/8).

For informal discussion, please phone Rita O'Rourke, Assistant Area Officer, 01-736 0971.

Finding Jobs for people with a mental handicap

Blakes Wharf Employment Services, Fulham SW6

We are looking for a Centre Worker to contribute through a new approach to finding paid employment for people with a mental handicap.

Your work will involve you in contracting employers, providing work skills, training, and giving advice on job opportunities.

You will need to be flexible and determined, possess the enthusiasm and commitment to achieve the aims of our service. Ideally, you should have business related experience with an interest in Social Services. (Ref. SDA/BW7).

Salary: £7,017 to £8,994 per annum (qualification bar at £8,313).

For an informal discusssion, contact Jane Middleton on 01-385 9471.

Application form and information pack available from Staff Section on 01-748 7620 (24 hour answering service) quoting appropriate reference.

Closing date: 23 May, 1985.

Development Planning

Planning Administrator

Sc.4. £7,803 to £8,577 inclusive

To work closely with professional officers on local economic projects, ethnic minority business support initiatives, environmental improvement projects and to provide wide ranging support to the planning and economic development division. This will include the preparation of Committee reports and production of publicity and participation material.

A degree or appropriate qualification is required and relevant experience will be an advantage. This post may be available on a job sharing basis.

Informal enquiries to Janice Collins 01-748 3020, ext. 428.

Application forms from London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (Personnel), Town Hall Extension, King Street, Hammersmith W6 9JU, telephone 01-741 0904 (24 hour answering service) quote ref: DCAPL_3.

Closing date: 22nd May, 1985.

Hammersmith & Fulham *An Equal Opportunity Employer*

RACE RELATIONS ADVISER
(Social Services)
Eros House, SE6.
£13,344-£14,427 inc.

Applications invited for the post of Race Relations Advisor in the Social Services Department. Lewisham is developing a race equality programme by establishing anti-racist policies and strategies.

Duties will include advising the department on achieving race equality across the full range of its services, the development of departmental anti-racist strategies, assistance with the implementation of a training strategy and to extend consultative links with the Black community and the department's Black employees.

The postholder will report to the Director of Social Services and have direct access to the Social Services Committee. In addition he/she will have a direct organisational link with the Council's Race Equality Unit to assist a corporate and collective approach to Lewisham's race equality strategy.

Whilst no formal qualifications for the post are necessary, experience and awareness of the Black dimension to racism and gender and the ability to translate this into effective action at Local Government level is essential. We are seeking therefore someone with an awareness both of the issues surrounding racism and Social Services provision. Experience of working for change within the area of race equality, either in the statutory or non-statutory sector is essential; and the ability to work under institutional pressure and to meet deadlines. The postholder will be expected to appreciate the potential of the anti-discriminatory acts and to advise accordingly.

Applications from job sharers welcome. A leaflet explaining job sharing will be sent with application form.

For further information contact — Director of Social Services — 01-698 6121, Ext. 38, or Neville Adams, Principal Race Equality Adviser — 01-698 6121 — Rushey Green Line 4.

Application form, returnable by 31.5.85, and detailed job description, from Chief Personnel Officer, Riverdale Offices, 68 Molesworth Street, London SE13 7EU, or telephone 01-318 9297, (24-hour Ansafone service), quoting reference SS 281(1) and the job title.

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

Our jobs are open equally to all races and both sexes.

LEWISHAM'S LET'S DO IT!

society
of civil & public servants

TRADE UNION RESEARCH OFFICER

The Society of Civil and Public Servants, which represents over 85,000 members in the Civil Service and other public bodies, invites applications for a post of Research Officer.

The post will involve preparation of policy and advisory papers for senior officers and general support for national negotiations. The postholder will be expected to take primary responsibility for work on particular policy areas and contribute to the work of the Research Department in all areas as required.

Candidates should be capable of a high standard of drafting work, be capable of preparing policy papers under pressure, be ready to work as part of a team, and be adaptable enough to deal with a wide variety of work. Preference will be given to candidates who have experience of trade union research or negotiating work, have relevant academic qualifications, or possess knowledge of industrial relations in the civil and public services.

The salary scale (subject to review with effect from 1st April, 1985) is £10,196, £10,742, £11,079, £11,317, £11,554, £11,792 and £12,029 including Inner London Weighting. Annual leave is 30 days. Season ticket loan. Non-contributory pension scheme. Retirement is compulsory at age 60.

Applications should be sent to the General Secretary, Society of Civil and Public Servants, 124/130 Southwark Street, London SE1 0TU, enclosing full cv with details of education, employment history, trade union experience and other relevant information, together with a day-time telephone number.

Closing date for applications is 4th June, 1985.

The Society is an equal opportunities employer.

Director
MRC Trauma Unit: Manchester

The Medical Research Council invites applications from medically qualified scientists for the post of full-time Director of the MRC Trauma Unit, Manchester. The person appointed will have an established reputation as a scientific investigator, be able to develop the Unit's research programme and have the ability to manage and co-ordinate a research team.

The Unit is concerned with the elucidation of the biological responses to injury by means of clinical, laboratory and experimental studies. The precise scope and emphasis of the Unit's future programme will be a matter for discussion between the successful candidate and the Council, but it is expected that the programme will include both clinical and non-clinical studies of metabolic responses to trauma and will continue to exploit the excellent facilities available to the Unit in Manchester.

An appointment to the Council's staff will be in accordance with the Council's terms and conditions of service. The salary will be within the NHS Consultant Grade and an honorary clinical contract at consultant level will be sought. The successful candidate will, if necessary, be offered assistance with moving expenses.

Additional information may be obtained from Dr Enid Bennett, MRC Headquarters Office, 20 Park Crescent, London W1N 4AL; telephone 01-636 5422 ext 363.

MRC Medical Research Council

Applications in the form of a statement (about 1,000 words), outlining in general terms the scientific programme which the applicant would propose for the Unit, together with a curriculum vitae, list of publications, and the names of three referees, should be submitted not later than 30 June 1985 to the Secretary of the Council, at the above address.

Breaking the Mould of Unemployment

PROJECT DIRECTOR

(Readvertisement — previous applicants need not reapply)

A recently formed Project in the industrial north for unemployed men and women on the dole who give their time and abilities without payment.

Its working hypothesis is:

If people who can find no one to employ them are appropriately supported in the Project, they can develop skills and capabilities which contribute to their own growth as they work in their local community setting, and will begin to demonstrate that paid employment is not central to a life of well-being.

The Project Centre is a large building with restaurant and theatre and lets starter units to entrepreneurs. It is sponsored by Christian interests. Initial funding is from voluntary sources.

The successful candidate will see the Proect in terms of Christian mission; identify with the situation of unemployed people; be available to others so they can decide what to do and how to use their recources, will be sensitive to unjust situations and ready to challenge social and political assumptions.

He/she will have sound management experience, will have worked in human service agencies, have training skills and a track record of handling business affairs successfully. He/she will be accountable to the Board and lead other paid staff as a team. Salary in line with the level of responsibilities and experience (£16–18,000).

Further details including application form (to be returned by 29 May 1985): Catherine Lynch, The Grubb Institute, Cloudesley Street, London N1 0HU. Tel. 01-278 8061.

LONDON BOROUGH OF EALING
CAREERS IN PUBLIC FINANCE
£6,579 - £9,771

We are looking for graduates with good honours degrees in Economics, Accountancy or related subjects who wish to undertake professional training in accountancy leading to membership of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

The successful applicants will be provided with a mixture of practical training and external courses. The Council will meet the cost of all necessary training expenses and fees.

Starting salary is likely to be at the bottom of the range quoted. Progress within the salary scale will reflect job performance and examination success.

Detailed C.V.s should reach the Borough Personnel Officer, Room A/204, Town Hall Annexe, New Broadway, Ealing, London W5 2BY, by 31st May, 1985.

Please quote Reference 300FD.

TECHNICAL SERVICES GROUP
Architectural Division
BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING ASSISTANT (Mechanical)
£6,579 - £9,771 p.a.
(starting salary depends upon qualifications and experience)

Are you expecting to graduate this Summer and looking to a career in Mechanical Engineering? Interested? Then read on :

A vacancy has arisen for science graduates or junior mechanical technicians to develop their careers by joining the Building Services Section of the Borough Architects Department. You will be engaged in the design, specification and contract management of mechanical and allied services for a variety of Council building projects.

Please quote Reference 728AR.

Closing date: 31st May, 1985.

TOWN PLANNING DIVISION
TEMPORARY TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANT
£6,579 - £9,771 p.a.
(Starting salary according to qualifications and experience)

A Planning Assistant is required in the implementation branch, to cover for maternity leave.

Duties will include a wide range of development control, environmental improvement and related tasks, for which experience of work in a planning department is desirable.

The successful candidate should hold or be studying for an appropriate qualification in Town Planning.

Please quote Reference 730TP.

Closing date: 31st May, 1985.

Application forms obtainable from the Personnel Office, Room A/204, Town Hall Annexe, New Broadway, Ealing, London W5 2BY. Telephone: (01) 840 1995 (24-hour service).

ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT
CATERING OFFICER
PO2g — £13,326 - £14,358

A suitably qualified and experienced person required to manage and develop the catering arrangements for the City Council on a number of fronts, including the City Hall, civic functions, employees' restaurant and canteens and a wide range of other catering including recreational and cultural establishments. Applications are invited from people with extensive management experience.

FURTHER DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT, TOWN HALL, SHEFFIELD S1 2HH. CLOSING DATE 29TH MAY.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT
MANAGEMENT OFFICERS
Scale 3/4 bar 5
(£5,922 - £7,329 Bar £8,262)

Required within the Area Management Teams. The role of the Management Officer is being developed to cover all aspects of estate management duties for a given number of tenancies. Door-to-door rent collection is included in these duties. The Management Officer is seen as being the primary point of contact between the Council and its tenants and successful applicants will be expected to foster a good landlord/tenant relationship. Opportunities available for career advancements and the posts will appeal to persons interested in a developing computerised system.

For further details ring Dave Cowans on Sheffield 735146 or Les Pickford on Sheffield 734894

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS FROM THE ABOVE NAMED AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE PERSONNEL SECTION, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, TOWN HALL, SHEFFIELD S1 1WA.

Closing date 23rd May

City of Sheffield
An Equal Opportunity Employer

VAUXHALL CROSS AMENITY TRUST
LOOKING FOR A RESPONSIBLE JOB ?
INTERESTED IN THE ENVIRONMENT ?

Vauxhall Cross Amenity Trust would like to hear from suitably qualified people interested in the following posts :

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR c. £12,000

The post carries responsibility for the development and smooth running of an environmental trust operating in North Lambeth. We are looking for applicants with enthusiasm and flexibility, able to undertake a wide range of duties, including financial management and promotional work.

A high level of communication skills is required, for effective negotiation with both the public and private sectors.

Relevant experience may have been gained in a variety of occupations, but a commitment to inner city regeneration is essential. The hours are irregular (35 per week) and include some evening meetings, with time off in lieu.

PROJECT SECRETARY c. £8,000
(35 hours per week)

You should have sound office experience including typing and book-keeping, and be able to work without constant supervision. The post carries some administrative duties and the smooth running of the office will be in your hands.

For more information about both of the above vacancies, and an application form, please write to: Vauxhall Cross Amenity Trust, Room 117, Market Towers, 1 Nine Elms Lane, London SW8.

The Trust is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from people irrespective of race.

Closing date for applications: 5th June, 1985.

GLC assisted — Grant pending

SOUTHWARK CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Southwark CDA works to promote worker co-operatives in the London Borough of Southwark.

We are looking for a woman to join the present team of three workers, who is both skilled in training and/or admin, and also has experience of working with ethnic minority and/or women's groups.

Ideally, the successful applicant will also have experience of working in or with co-operatives.

Details and application form from: Southwark CDA, 135 Rye Lane, London SE15 4ST.

Contact Pat on 01-639 0134.

The post is for 3½ days per week (25 hours).

Salary: £9477 + London Weighting (pro rata).

Southwark CDA is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

Section 6 (3) (b) of The Equal Opportunities Act applies.

Closing date: May 30, 1985.

GLC
Working for London
Publicity & Information Team Leader
Welfare Benefits Project

Heading a team of 6, this post is responsible for managing and co-ordinating all publicity and information for this major public awareness project, including liaison with advertising agencies and the press. Development of ethnic minority publicity initiatives and a special London-wide media intensive campaign will be an important area of activity.

A detailed knowledge of welfare benefits is essential, with experience of developing publicity and writing detailed information leaflets.

£14,781-£16,545 inc. Ref: CC6138.

Write to CCS Staff Section, Room 693 or tel: 01-633 1650.

Application forms must be returned by 31 May 85.

To obtain your form write to the appropriate Staff Section, quoting the ref. and room number on the envelope, to: GLC, The County Hall, London SE1 7PB. Or telephone the number given.

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

Job sharing arrangements are open to all applicants.

THE LABOUR PARTY
has a short-term vacancy for a
RESEARCH OFFICER

Arising from the absence of a research officer on maternity leave, there will be a short-term vacancy for a researcher in the Research Department. The area of responsibility includes policy on equal rights (including women's rights, and minority groups), policing policy and crime; general human rights issues; and penal policy and law reform. *The post will last from 3 June until 13 December, 1985.*

Duties will include the preparation of research and other papers; the provision of background and campaign information to all sections of the Party; and the servicing of the appropriate advisory committees and groups of the National Executive Committee.

Applicants must have a good understanding, experience and knowledge of the above issues, and have experience in preparing papers on campaigns and briefing material on the above and related areas of policy. An Honours Degree, though not essential, would be of considerable advantage.

Applicants must be members of the Labour Party. A background of activity in the Party, and in the wider Labour movement, would also be of considerable advantage.

Salary range £10,440 to £12,110 p.a., depending on appropriate experience in a similar capacity (Pay rise due.)

Application forms are available from the Administrative and Personnel Officer, The Labour Party, 150 Walworth Road, London SE17 1JT. Telephone 01-703 1064. The closing date for applications is 3 June, 1985. This is a re-advertisement of the post and previous applicants need not apply.

The Labour Party is an equal opportunities employer.

HACKNEY CITY FARM
requires a person to complete a team of 4.
The post is for a
HORTICULTURALIST

The Farm is located in the Haggerston Park Extension and is in the initial stages of development.

The Farm Project is looking for a person with sound horticultural knowledge and experience, practical knowledge of farm animals would be an advantage.

The Farm is an equal opportunity employer and will consider job sharing. Closing date 8th June 1985.

Salary Scale Local Government Scale 5.

These posts are Partnership Urban Programme Funded by the GLC For further information please send a S A E (A4) to

The Secretary, Hackney City Farm, St. Chads Vicarage, Dunloe Street, London E2.

Telephone for informal enquiries 01-729 4854/6381 (Tuesday to Saturday 2 to 4 pm only)

DUNDEE HERITAGE TRUST
DIRECTOR

The recently established Dundee Heritage Trust is seeking an experienced and energetic Director who, as Chief Executive, will develop and manage a group of important conservation, heritage and tourism schemes in the city. These embrace aspects of Scotland's industrial heritage in which Dundee is of national importance, notably textiles, maritime trade — including polar exploration, whaling and links with India — and graphic journalism.

Project development will be an initial priority. Arrangement of funding from public and private sector sources and the participation of voluntary groups will be vital to the success of the Trust.

The Trust is receiving the backing of the Dundee Project — which includes the Scottish Development Agency and the Local Authorities — and the Scottish Museums Council.

The post of Director offers a real opportunity to someone with sound and proven management skills and experience in the field of heritage conservation and tourism.

Further details are available from:
Mr. A. McDonald, c/o Staff Office, Scottish Development Agency, 120 Bothwell Street, GLASGOW G2 7JP.
to whom applications should be sent by 24th May 1985

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES RESOURCE UNIT
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

CHIRU provides information and advice to community health initiatives and encourages health professionals to offer appropriate support.

A Development Officer with a commitment to radical health policies is needed to co-ordinate a three person Unit. S/he should have community development organisational and public speaking skills.

The Unit is funded till June 1986, thus a major task will be to secure future funding. CHIRU is committed to equal opportunities and is currently based at The National Council for Voluntary Organisations, but wheelchair access is poor.

Salary scale — £8,833 — £11,158 + £1,300 London Weighting p.a.

For an application form write to The Personnel Officer, NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU. Please return by 31st May.

NCVO is an equal opportunities employer.

SENIOR ACCOUNTS PERSON

To work in busy office, 5 minutes Liverpool Street Station. Must have wages, bought ledger and debt-chasing experience.

Hours 9-5.30 pm Monday to Friday. Salary circa £8,500.

Applicants 25/40 years of age.

Telephone Mr. White 01-377 1275 for an appointment.

To Advertise in The Guardian write or phone:
The Guardian Classified Advertisement Department, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER.
Tel.: 01-278 2332,
or 164 Deansgate, Manchester M60 2RR.
Tel.: 061-832 7200, Ext. 2161.

Employment Rehabilitation Centres

Psychologists

... to help people who have employment problems as a result of sickness or injury. As a member of a multi-disciplinary team, the psychologists will be involved in all aspects of the assessment and rehabilitation process including initial interview and appraisal, more intensive investigation and counselling when required, and advising on final draft reports.

The current vacancies are at Egham, Liverpool and Leicester, but others may arise elsewhere.

Candidates must have a degree in psychology with at least second class honours, or an equivalent or higher qualification in which psychology was taken as a main subject. Applications will be considered from psychologists (minimum age 20) in their final year of training.

Salary (under review): £6015–£8735. Starting salary within the range according to qualifications and experience.

Further similar vacancies may arise in this and other departments.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 3 June 1985) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours). **Please quote ref: G(2)632.**

The Civil Service is an equal opportunity employer

Manpower Services Commission

CARE SERVICES DIVISION

Playgroup Organiser

£11,652 — £12,273 inc.

As part of the partnership with voluntary groups in the Under Five field, we have developed close links with the Wandsworth Pre-School Playgroup Association and other voluntary playgroups. In addition the department operates three playbuses which not alone offer support to playgroups but also to child-minders and summer playschemes.

The Playgroup Organiser has the key role in liaison with these services including the management of the grant-aid budget, the registration of playgroups and responsibility for the playbus service.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified workers who combine a capacity to liaise in a sensitive manner with voluntary groups combined with an ability to manage the service.

For further information contact Derek Carter, Assistant Director, on 01-871 6293.

BETTER SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE

Instructor—Light Industrial Unit/Crafts.

Ref G/803. £7,017 — £8,994.

Atheldene is a purpose built combined day centre which provides care, rehabilitation training and support for 120 mentally handicapped, 50 physically handicapped and 50 frail elderly members. We are looking for someone with enthusiasm and drive, who is prepared to develop the light industrial work undertaken. You will also need to be interested in our three client groups and take account of their needs. Because of the size of the Centre it is essential that you are prepared to work as part of a team. Flexibility of attitude and skills is important. Previous experience of this sort of work and a knowledge of craft skills and their application is essential. We are also looking for someone who has experience in working with any of our three client groups, preferably holding an appropriate professional qualification, e.g. Certificate in Social Service. Dip. TMH, or other appropriate professional qualification. Short listed candidates will be invited to visit the Centre prior to interview. For further information about the post please contact Nikki Wagstaff, Deputy Manager, 01-871 6341/2/3/4.

Instructor.

Ref. G/802. £7,017 — £8,313.

Roehampton SEC offers a wide range of educational opportunities to 50 mentally handicapped students who also learn to develop their daily living skills and take part in craft and leisure pursuits. You would be joining a very lively staff team who work hard and have a strong commitment in maintaining a high quality of service and providing a stimulating working and learning environment for staff and students. You will be particularly expected to develop a programme of craft skills, sport/recreational activities and ideally have an interest in teaching woodwork. Applicants with a CSS or DTMHA preferred. For an informal discussion and to arrange a visit please contact the Manager Terry Peskett, telephone 01-789 0648 or Roger Harris, Care Services Manager, telephone 01-871 6244.

Applications forms from Direccter of Social Services, Town Hall, London SW18 2PU. Telephone 01-871 6236. Please quote appropriate reference. Closes 31st May, 1985.

Wandsworth
an equal opportunity employer
All applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the job irrespective of disablement, race, sex or marital status

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TACKLING YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT — A POSITIVE APPROACH

Are you concerned about the problems facing young people?

Could you lead a team of diverse people whose job it is to help them cope with life today?

Community Industry (CI) provides work for 7,000 young people each year in 57 areas throughout Great Britain. Funded by Central and Local Government, the work undertaken is of benefit to the Community. By giving individual support and guidance to the young people, CI aims to develop their work and social skills.

Our operation in Lambeth needs someone with a broad-based experience, preferably including the management of people, finance and materials to fill the post of:

AREA MANAGER

You will need to be fit and active; possess a current driving licence; have imagination, initiative and drive; be committed to our equal opportunities policy and be a good communicator. Knowledge of employment legislation, industrial relations and public-funded organisations would be useful.

Relevant life experience may be just as valuable as formal qualifications and professional experience. We welcome applications from women and men from *all* sections of the community.

We offer good conditions of service; a contributory superannuation scheme and a starting salary of £10,725 p.a. rising to £12,273 p.a., including London Weighting Allowance.

Further details and application form from: The Personnel Manager, Community Industry, 24 Highbury Crescent, London N5 1RX. Tel: 01-226 6663.

Completed application forms to be returned by 29th May, 1985.

Community Industry

SOCIAL WORK SERVICE INSPECTOR

SOCIAL SERVICES INSPECTORATE — EAST MIDLANDS REGION

The Social Services Inspectorate was set up on 1 April and incorporates the staff of the previous Social Work Service.

The Social Services Inspectorate, in association with administrative and other professional colleagues, informs and advises Ministers and the Department and furthers Ministerial policies across the range of Departmental functions, but with particular regard to the personal social services.

As a member of a small team in the Inspectorate, you will help to provide the professional link between the Department and the statutory and voluntary social services organisations in the East Midlands Region. You will participate in inspections of field services and may carry some subject responsibility in Region.

You must hold a CQSW or its equivalent, and should preferably have a degree. You should normally also have proven experience and ability in the field of Social Services and at least 5 years' relevant senior management experience.

The post is in the East Midlands Region and you may obtain further information by contacting Mr B Stimpson, Assistant Chief Inspector, DHSS, Social Services Inspectorate, East Midlands Region, 5th Floor, Birkbeck House, 14-16 Trinity Square, Nottingham, NG1 4DQ. Telephone 0602 475511.

Starting salary (under review) within the range of £12895 – £17880 according to qualifications and experience. Promotion prospects.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 4 June 1985) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours). Please quote ref: G/6536.

The Civil Service is an equal opportunity employer

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

General Manager

Applications are invited by Haringey Health Authority for the appointment of District General Manager.

Haringey Health Authority covers the geographical area of the London Borough of Haringey, with an estimated resident population of approximately 207,000. Hospital Services are provided through three hospitals, including the North Middlesex Hospital, and the District, with a revenue budget for 1984/5 of £36 million, employs approximately 3,600 staff.

In the face of declining resources, the Authority has embarked upon an ambitious programme to move resources into priority care areas, especially into Mental Health, and services for the elderly. This will be a major task for the General Manager, who will be directly and personally accountable to the District Health Authority, and who will lead management in the identification and achievement of objectives, and the planning of Health Care Services and their effective implementation. You will need considerable experience of, and success in, managing a large-scale organisation, and qualities of leadership are fundamental.

The appointment will be for an initial fixed term period of three years, renewable. Remuneration will be by negotiation.

Further information for this post may be obtained from and applications should be addressed to: Mr L. A. Bains, CBE, DL, Chairman, Haringey Health Authority, Mountford House, The Green, London, N15 4AN. Telephone: 01-808 1081 Ext 105 (Miss Jean Smith).
Closing date: 28th May, 1985.

Haringey HEALTH AUTHORITY

Middlesbrough Borough Council

RECREATION AND AMENITIES DEPARTMENT

Multi-Cultural Centre Manager

£8532 — £9114

The Council has established a multi-cultural centre within the town centre, the main purpose of which is to provide a meeting place for the ethnic minority communities. It will also be a focus for developing Middlesbrough as a multi-racial / multi-cultural town.

The manager will be responsible for the day to day running of the centre as well as the establishment, development, monitoring an control of actvities within it.

In addition to managerial and administrative/financial skills, the successful applicant must be able to demonstrate an ability and a commitment to work with various ethnic minority groups.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from and should be returned to the Personnel Officer, Middlesbrough Borough Council, PO Box 99A, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS1 2QQ. Tel Middlesbrough 245432 Ext 3573.

Closing date 7 June 1985.

It is the policy of Middlesbrough Borough Council to provide equal employment opportunities and consideration will be given to all suitably experienced and qualified applicants regardless of handicap, sex or race.

The Council has a policy of inviting for interview all disabled persons who have the written support of their Disablement Resettlment Officer.

Job sharing facilities are available.

MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

TWO POSTS OF "RECREATION MANAGER"

£12,171-£13,263

The Amenities and Recreation Department runs a wide range of activities and pursuits for people, young and not so young, who live in the Watford area and beyond.

The Borough Council demands first class management of a Leisure Centre, Sports Stadium, Swimming Baths, Community Centres, Parks and Playing Fields, Adventure Playgrounds, Indoor and Outdoor Entertainments and a Museum (in no particular order, all are important).

Two keen and resourceful managers are needed who will assist in the maximising of resources and the development of activities and amenities for all the people in the Watford area.

The managers' personal discipline, although not irrelevant, is secondary to the qualities of management and sensitive leadership. The successful candidates will be applicants who can demonstrate flair, drive and the ability to work with others coupled with wide interests.

Essential user car allowance, assistance with housing and full removal expenses paid.

Further details and an application form, to be returned by 3rd June, 1985, may be obtained from the Personnel and Management Services Officer, Town Hall, Watford WD1 3EX. (Telephone: Watford 40175, Answerphone, 24 hours).

The Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer

BOROUGH OF WATFORD

Guardian Housing Association, part of the Anchor family, is a leading specialist in providing retirement housing for older people who wish to buy. We now have the following vacancy within our small and highly motivated management team working from the Association's Head Office in Oxford.

MARKETING MANAGER

Starting Salary circa £12,500 pa + Car

You will be responsible for carrying out market appraisals for proposed retirement housing developments, directing and monitoring the Association's national sales programme and managing a continuing market research activity.

We are looking for a young and dynamic, partially or recently professionally qualified person, preferably a graduate with wide and varied interests. Previous experience in housing sales, either with a progressive agency or with a successful house builder / developer would be a considerable advantage.

For further information and an application form, write to:
The Director
Guardian Housing Association Ltd
Oxenford House
13-15 Magdalen Street
Oxford
OX1 3BP

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 5th June 1985

GUARDIAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD

COMMUNITY SOLICITOR

We are looking for a Solicitor, preferably three-year qualified, to fill an established post in our small Advice Centre in Earls Court.

Major areas of work are landlord/tenant, employment, welfare rights and immigration. Experience in at least one of these would be useful.

The post is GLC funded until March, 1986: it is hoped that continued funding will be forthcoming.

Salary on scale SO2.

For job description and application form please contact NUCLEUS, 298 Old Brompton Road, London SW5, Tel 01-373 1379.

REGISTERED CHARITY OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTE
REQUIRES A

PROJECT LIAISON OFFICER

To co-ordinate existing activities and set up new developments. Administration and secretarial background essential, along with ability to communicate and converse.

Position based in London with some travel involved in Greater London area. Car owner essential.

Excellent salary with good working conditions.

Apply: 01-969 0077

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS
in conjunction with
COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY
requires a

SENIOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER

The SCRO will serve as the Chief Officer of the Council. Applicants should be familiar with the structure of local authorities and other statutory / voluntary agencies, have proven administrative ability and be able to establish ongoing relationships with ethnic minority groups.

Salary £11,652-£14,574 (incl LW)

Contributory pension scheme. Application forms and further information from:

Southwark Council for Community Relations
352 Camberwell New Road, London SE5 0RW
Tel 01-274 8793

Closing date for returned application forms: 3rd June, 1985.

NORTH EAST WORK TRUST

Wallsend Youth Unit

A Centre for Intermediate Treatment and Youth Activity Programmes

Unit Director

(£10,716 to £11,562)

This well established Unit provides a range of day and evening programmes for adolescent youngsters who are at risk of being removed from home into local authority care or custody. This voluntary agency works in close partnership with North Tyneside MBC. We have pioneered several new approaches including day care, community assessment and a girls' work project.

The Trust now seeks a new Director to lead the Unit into the next phase of its development. The I.T. and Children's Resources in North Tyneside have recently been reorganised and this Youth Unit will provide programmes involving both the Social Services and Education Departments (who will be jointly involved in the management). Applicants should have experience in both an educational and youth social work setting, be capable of leading a multi-disciplinary staff team, and preferably be professionally qualified. The Unit has recently attracted funding for a further three years.

Further details and application forms are available from the North East Work Trust, 67 Charlotte Street, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear NE28 7PU.

Closing date for applications: 22nd May. 1985.

The North East Work Trust is an equal opportunities employer

IRISH in GREENWICH PROJECT

This Greenwich based Irish Association has been established for just over one year and is now inviting applications for

COMMUNITY WORKERS (2 posts)

To develop and co-ordinate services provided by the Association and to establish and to ensure that an adequate structure exists to meet the needs of Irish people in the area.

Sound administrative and communication skills are essential and knowledge of welfare rights, education or housing would be an asset.

We are looking for people with proven ability to work with other ethnic associations and community groups.

Salaries at AP4 and AP5 (plus travelling allowance and Outer London Weighting). Applicants must be in sympathy with the anti-racist and anti-sexist policies of the Irish in Greenwich Project.

Both posts are funded by the GLC until April 1986.

Application Forms available from The Secretary, Irish in Greenwich Project, c/o 8th Floor, Riverside House, Beresford Street, Woolwich, London SE18.

Closing date: 1st June 1985.

Family Support Registered Charity no. 277768

CENTRE SOCIAL WORKER

Salary 5/6 £7524 – £9114 p.a.

Family Support provides residential and day care facilities for families experiencing relationship problems. We require a social worker who will provide a full social work service to families.

The successful applicant needs to be experienced in family work and have energy and commitment to respond to the diverse demands within this client group. This is an opportunity for someone who enjoys the challenge of developing their own practice within a small multidisciplinary team. Overnight stay required for staff holiday relief. Appropriate qualifications required. Starting salary according to experience.

Closing date for full applications Monday 3rd June.

Apply for forms to: Mrs. J. Yates, Bishopscourt, Pitt Street, Gloucester.

Head of Consumer Services

£15,534 to £17,028 plus Car Allowance

Greenwich, an inner-city Riverside London Borough, places emphasis on its responsibilities towards Consumer Protection

With the imminent retirement of the present Head of Consumer Services, it now wishes to appoint a successor with full remit for the enforcement of legislation and for widening and extending the Consumer Protection function within the Borough.

You will be a qualified Trading Standards Officer and will already have demonstrated a strong personal commitment within this key area of activity. Also, you should have spent at least 3 years in senior management, and be able to demonstrate an innovative and motivating style.

Both challenging and stimulating, this position calls for an in-depth knowledge of consumer issues and a keen appreciation of their political implications.

For further details and an informal discussion about this post, please telephone Mike Dudding on 01-854 8888, Ext. 2700.

Application form from Personnel and Management Services Officer, London Borough of Greenwich, Peggy Middleton House, 50 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich, London SE18 6HQ. Tel: 01-854 8888, Ext. 2121.

Closing date 31st May, 1985.

THE COUNCIL POSITIVELY WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN, ETHNIC MINORITIES AND DISABLED PEOPLE.

GREENWICH
People and Services First

LEISURE ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Scale 4. £7,803 incl.

To work with pensioners in developing existing provision and encouraging new ideas. Life-history, reminiscence, projects using video, crafts, skills exchange, adult education and self-help groups will all be relevant to this post. The worker will be expected to encourage pensioners to participate both as volunteers, and consumers, and to liaise with other organisations providing leisure, recreation and educational facilities.

Age Concern Lambeth is an equal opportunities employer and positively welcomes applications irrespective of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependants.

For further details and application forms apply to the **Co-ordinator, Age Concern Lambeth, 1-5 Acre Lane, SW2 5LD. Tel: 01-274 7722, ext 2394.**

Closing date, 31st May, 1985.

This post is funded by the Greater London Council until 31st March, 1986.

STOKE NEWINGTON CO-OPERATIVES INITIATIVES
needs a

CO-ORDINATOR/DEVELOPMENT WORKER

The S.N.C.I. is an innovative employment project committed to setting up co-operatives with young black people. We need a Co-ordinator to work with a part time worker in developing new worker co-ops and provide support for co-ops already trading.

The worker must have administrative and basic accounting skills, office management skills, have a working knowledge of co-operatives, be able to develop training programmes, assist in organising feasibility studies and liase with funding bodies.

The starting salary is £10,700 pa.

Please apply for application forms to the S.N.C.I. Ltd., 124 Stamford Hill, London N16.

Closing date 20th May, 1985.

The S.N.C.I. is funded by the GLC and Hackney Council and is an equal opportunities employer.

THE WOODLAND TRUST
requires an

ASSISTANT REGIONAL OFFICER

to assist with the management of its Woodland properties in south east England. The successful applicant will be at least 24 years old and ideally have a degree in an environmental subject and practical experience of woodland management and conservation.

This is a demanding position requiring considerable travel, for which an allowance will be paid.

The post is grant-aided by the Countryside Commission.

Salary negotiable up to £7,000.

Please apply for a full job description and application form to: The Woodland Trust, Westgate, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG31 6LL. Tel: 0476 74297.

the woodland trust

IMMIGRATION LAW PRACTITIONERS' ASSOCIATION
requires

AN ADMINISTRATOR

responsible to the executive to arrange and publicise events, and to take charge of the running of the association.

Three month contract (subject to extension), 14 hours per week. Salary: £10,000 per annum pro rata.

For details and application forms, write: Secretary, ILPA, 11 South Square, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5EU. Closing date for applications: 1 June 1985.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

WTA

WANDSWORTH TRAINING AGENCY

Circa £15,000 **29 days leave p.a.**

Wandsworth Training Agency is an independent voluntary organisation and a registered charity which receives the bulk of its funds from the Manpower Services Commission and Wandsworth Borough Council. It was set up in 1983 to provide high quality YTS and Community Programme Schemes within the Borough of Wandsworth. The Company, which is limited by guarantee, has a turnover of £1¾ million, offers training and work experience places to 360 local people and has a permanent staffing complement of 45.

The Managing Director, who reports to the Board of Directors, is a voting member of the Board and will be responsible for the overall management development and forward planning of the Agency and its constituent projects.

Applicants should be committed to the provision of high quality training within the Borough, have extensive management experience and a comprehensive understanding of MSC sponsored training and employment initiatives.

For further details and an application form, contact Gill Roffey, Personnel Officer, Wandsworth Training Agency, 17-27 Garratt Lane, Wandsworth, London SW18. Tel: 01-870 8853. The closing date for the receipt of applications is 31 May, 1985.

WTA is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications regardless of sex, race or disability.

W.R.V.S. HOUSING ASSOCIATION

DIRECTOR

The WRVS Housing Association based in London with over 800 units in management and a further 200 in development seeks a suitably qualified Director. Excellent salary and prospects for a senior experienced candidate.

The Association provides a wide range of housing for the elderly as well as hostel accommodation for single people with special needs.

The Association has 13 office-based and 50 scheme-based staff. The Director is the senior paid officer of the Association, responsible to the committee of management for further developments and for supervision of management.

For further details and an application form, which must be returned by Wednesday, 22nd May, please contact :

The Director
WRVS HOUSING ASSOCIATION
17 Old Park Lane, London W1Y 4AJ
or Miss Stowe on 01-499 6040, ext. 156

CHARTERHOUSE-IN-SOUTHWARK
requires a

I.T. Project Worker

We are looking for an imaginative person experienced in working with teenagers and with some practical skills, e.g. photography, electronics, driving.

If you have a social work qualification and are interested in working flexibly in a multidisciplinary team in a voluntary agency in Southwark then contact us.

For further details and application form contact Steve Lancashire, Director, Charterhouse-in-Southwark, 40 Tabard Street, SE1 4JU. Tel: 407 1122. Closing date for completed applications 7th May, 1985.

As an Urban Aided project we are looking towards refunding from Social Services April 1986. Charterhouse-in-Southwark is trying very hard to be an Equal Opportunities Employer it has to be said however that most of our premises are unsuitable for some kinds of physical disability

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BRIGHTON AREA
CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT WORKERS

Required as job sharers to work on the promotion and development of co-operatives in the Brighton area. Strong commitment to co-operative principles is essential. Relevant qualifications would be knowledge of business / administrative procedures and group and interpersonal skills. It will be an advantage to have one or more of these, but the ability to acquire new skills and work collectively will be more important.

Candidates may apply singly or in pairs.

BACDA is an equal opportunities employer.

Salary scale grade AP5 £8,808 p a.

Further details and application forms from BACDA, Room 2, 17-19 Ditchling Rise, Brighton BN1 4QL. Informal inquiries Kevin McNulty, 0273 726144

Closing date for applications 5th June 1985

Provisional interview date 20th June 1985

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

AMENITY SERVICES

RACE RELATIONS ADVISER

(Ref A1) Grade PO2/3
Salary £12,507—£14,574 p.a. incl.
(The grading of the post is under review)

Can you face the challenge — *political, financial and social* of Lambeth where the Council is pushing ahead with plans and policies to ensure equality of opportunity and combat racial disadvantage and promote Anti-Racist Action?

The Directorate of Amenity Services is responsible for the provision of leisure services in an inner city, multi-racial area. The Council is committed to ensuring that its services are relevant to all members of the Community and we are seeking to recruit a Race Relations Adviser to assist the Directorate in achieving this.

The Race Relations Adviser will operate across the entire range of the Directorate activities, including recreation, arts and entertainments, library services, parks and children's play *and the administrative* support services. This will involve working with line managers in helping to indentify the most relevant provision to meet the needs of black people and to give advice and guidance on the racial dimension to provision as well as race relation matters. Contact with the black community will be necessary in this process, but the task is about sensitizing and advising on the need to develop and change services, practices and procedures.

Applicants should *ideally have experience of race* relations work in an inner city context and be able to demonstrate a positive commitment to pursuing the Council's Equal Opportunity Policy. While no further specific experience or qualification are prerequisite, a *knowledge of issues relevant to the black community as* well as sound working knowledge of equal opportunity legislation is required together with an awareness of leisure provision.

A car user allowance is payable. Applicants can apply for job sharing.

In view of the nature of the work, this post is being advertised under Section 5(2)D of the Race Relations Act 1976 where being of a particular racial group is a genuine occupational qualification.

Application forms and job descriptions obtainable from and returnable to the: **The Senior Personnel Officer, Directorate of Management Services, London Borough of Lambeth, 18 Brixton Hill, SW2 1RL. Tel: 01-274 7722 Ext 3008. Closing date 31st May 1985.**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

PRINCIPAL POLICY ANALYST

(Ref M.83)
£15,606 to £16,635 p.a. incl. (Grade PO5).

The Chief Executive of one of London's largest inner city Boroughs is looking for a Principal Policy Analyst in the Policy Analysis Division of his office, the previous postholder having very recently taken up a more senior position with the Chief Executive of another London Borough.

The Division's work covers a wide variety of assigned projects which include:

- performance review, the examination of selected areas of the Council's service on behalf of the Finance and Performance Review Sub-Committee as part of an agreed programme
- budget strategy and monitoring, assisting the Council's leadership, Chairs of Committees and top management to monitor their expenditure and to prepare the next year's budget
- policy analysis, the examination of complex problems *with management or elected members including major* Committee reports.

The postholder will be expected to keep abreast of policy and other developments in selected areas of the Council so as to be able to brief the Chief Executive and/or senior Council members as issues arise. The Division's work demands considerable intellectual ability and the capacity to articulate and communicate complex issues succinctly both in writing and discussion. The postholder will lead or take part in inter-directorate working groups and will also work closely with elected members.

Some local government experience of work at this level is essential and candidates must also demonstrate a sensitivity to present policies of Inner City local authorities, in particular its equal opportunity policies. Previous experience should include policy analysis work, involving the use of practical research expertise. A working knowledge of local government finance is essential and candidates who can demonstrate real performance review achievements would have a considerable advantage.

She/he would be responsible for one assistant and would be one of three principal officers in the division reporting directly to the Chief Executive.

Closing date 31st May 1985.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

(Ref M.84)
(Salary: £9,780 — £10,362 p.a. inc.)

This post provides administrative support to the Policy Analysis Division of the Chief Executive's Office and is responsible for the preparation, monitoring and presentation of reports relating to the budget for the office as a whole.

The duties will include devising, setting up and maintaining *administrative systems*, providing an *information service to the Policy Analysis Division*, preparing letters and memoranda, taking minutes at various meetings, liaising with Members of the Council and Senior Officers, and extracting and manipulating *financial and numerical data. The postholder will also* supervise the work of a Senior Clerk/Typist.

Applicants should have sound administrative experienc including organising their own workload by setting priorities and deadlines, and they should be able to demonstrate the abilities to carry out the duties as listed above. In addition, applicants must have supervisory potential and qualities, a confident manner, good communications skills, be willing and able to use office *machinery including terminals, and show commitment* and sensitivity to the Council's Equal Opportunity Policy.

Closing date: 29th May, 1985.

Application forms obtainable from: **The Personnel Officer, Directorate of Management Services, London Borough of Lambeth, 18 Brixton Hill, SW2. Tel: 274 7722 Ext. 3020.**

LAMBETH
SERVICES WELL WORTH DEFENDING

HOUSING

SENIOR MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Housing Directorate within Lambeth has embarked on an ambitious and challenging programme of decentralisation as part of its intention to bring its housing services to the community. The next step in this *process has been to ensure that central* functions can respond to the needs of the neighbourhoods.

The District Liaison Office consists of Central Allocations and the Central Management Team. Although the allocation functions have been decentralised to the five district offices a central allocation section has been *established to monitor the districts allocation* performance and handle all aspects of housing mobility. The District Liaison Office is the Directorate's centre for developing the Councils decentralisation strategy in terms of systems control, policy development and evaluation on housing management issues and a general "think tank".

If you wish to actively contribute to these initiatives and are committed to this Council's policies on Equal Opportunities and appreciate the demands for housing within an inner city multi racial community we are looking for a

PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER

(DISTRICT LIAISON)
GRADE PO2. (REF H16A.)Salary: £12,507 — £13,491 (incl.)

This post requires someone capable of combining organisational flair and effective communication skills in order to initiate projects and development work aimed at assisting the Housing Districts in maintaining an efficient service to their tenants. *You will play a key role in* co-ordinating new policies and drafting procedures for the neighbourhood and district offices and ensuring that the functions at these offices are effectively monitored. It is essential that you have the ability and motivation to build and develop an effective working relationship with local councillors, organisations such as Tenants Associations and trade unions.

Experience of handling I.R. issues is essential with specific reference to the manual trade unions. Individuals may apply for job sharing.

TEMPORARY SPECIAL NEEDS OFFICER

(REF: H.89).
Salary £9780—£10,362 p.a. incl.

Currently we have a vacancy for a Temporary Special Needs Officer (circa 6 months) to join our team that work *with individuals deemed vulnerable under the Housing* (Homeless Persons) Act 1977.

You will be required to visit these vulnerable persons housed in temporary accommodation and assess the requirements for permanent housing and appropriate support. This will involve liaising with the District Housing Offices and other professionals as well as providing a wide range of advice on benefits. You will also be required to manage Special Needs Housing Schemes for *vulnerable individuals and to develop links with voluntary* organisations.

The post is based in Brixton and it is essential that candidates demonstrate a knowledge and appreciation of the demands of housing in a multi racial city area. You must be able to work under constant pressure in often highly emotional situations whilst retaining a sympathetic and understanding approach. Experience of welfare rights and working with disadvantaged individuals is *desirable and candidates should possess the ability to* communicate at all levels.

Individuals may apply for job sharing.

If you would like any further information, please ring Christina Craig on 01-274 7722 Ext. 2577.

Application form and job description from Directorate of Housing and Property Services, Hambrook House, Porden Road, Brixton, London SW2. Tel 01-274 7722 Ext. 2053. Closing date 31st May, 1985.

Benefits for most posts advertised include flexible working hours, subsidised staff canteen, sickness and superannuation scheme, generous annual leave.

As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependants.

YWCA

The Young Women's Christian Association of Great Britain is an ecumenical association and a registered Housing Association with some 94 units throughout England and Wales. We are seeking

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND PROPERTY

Duties include liaison with the Housing Corporation, Local Authorities, and property Agents, advice to staff and Management Committees, on landlord and tenant legislation, providing guidance to departmental staff.

Salary circa £11,500 pa.

Knowledge and practical experience of Housing Associations and sympathy with the purposes and work of the YWCA essential; Institute of Housing Management Diploma an advantage. 29 days' leave. Contributory pension scheme, free life assurance.

Please apply in writing enclosing a full CV and names and addresses of two referees to:

Mrs. Vivien Kassulke, Deputy Personnel Officer, YWCA, 2 Weymouth Street, London W1N 4AX.

We will be locating to Oxford in the autumn.

MACCLESFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
Planning Department—Environmental Services Unit

QUALIFIED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Salary: £6,555—£9,114 p.a.

(Temporary appointment up to 15 months—review re-extension ongoing).

Required to work on derelict land *and environmental schemes.*

For further details Tel.: (0625) 21955, Ext. 321.

Application forms available from Corporate Services' Department, Personnel Section, 20-22 Cumberland Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 1DD.

Closing date: 24th May, 1985.

MUSICIAN

We are looking for a Musician who is experienced in working in "community" settings to join an established community arts project, based in Manchester, *but working throughout the* North West region. You must be experienced in workshop techniques as you will be working alongside other community artists and people *from a wide variety of age* groups, who may have little or no musical skill.

Skills with portable instruments, synthesisers, sound recording and an interest in a wide range *of popular music is essential.*

Salary £8,000 per year.

For job description write to: Maxine Johnson, Community Arts Workshop, The Old Tin School, Collyhurst Road, Manchester M10 7RG.

No telephone enquiries please.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARMS TRADE
requires a second

CAMPAIGN WORKER

To work with the present co-ordinator in two person office. Knowledge of the arms trade and peace issues essential. The job requires campaigning initiative and the ability to deal with routine office work, often under pressure. The salary is £6,300 per annum (under review). The person appointed needs to start work no later than 12th August.

For a job description and further details, send 24p SAE to:

GCAAT, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX

Closing date 7th June.

CHESTER SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL
requires a

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

with proven artistic and administrative flair to promote and develop this exciting Festival. Full details can be obtained from

The Chairman CSMF
9, Appleton Road
Upton-by-Chester
Chester CH2 1JH.

CANAL RESTORATION

The Waterway Recovery Group require volunteer workers for ambitious projects on canals in Surrey and Sussex during August and September. Accommodation provided.

Send s.a.e. for application form and further details to: Neil Edwards, W.R.G. Camps, 79 Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 3LT.

SCRAM

SCRAM, the Anti-Nuclear & Safe Energy Journal, needs another paid worker to help with admin, library, writing and production of the Journal. Must be able to work collectively. Contact SCRAM, 11 Forth St, Edinburgh (031-557 4283) for job description. Applications by 9th June 1985.

GENERAL

Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale

AMENITIES AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TOURISM OFFICER

£10,404-£11,025 per annum

This is a temporary vacancy for a period of at least two years and will be filled on a contract basis following the present postholder being seconded to a special project.

Duties include responsibility *for the further development* and promotion of Calderdale as a tourist centre, production of literature, press, media and exhibition work and the tourist information service. In addition to this the postholder will *be expected to advise the Chief* Officer on tourism policy, prepare reports and attend meetings where appropriate.

You will have to demonstrate flair and initiative with a good working knowledge of the tourism industry, public relations, marketing and experience in tourism related projects.

Calderdale is a Metropolitan District comprising of an attractive mixture of Pennine Cotmoryside and towns. The heritage of the textile industry, the Victorian architecture and the countryside which is easily accessible to walkers, are some of the main aspects being developed.

The post carries a casual user car allowance and assistance with temporary housing accommodation and removal expenses may be given.

Application form and job description are available from The Chief Amenities and Recreation Officer, Wellesley Park, Halifax, tel. Halifax 59454 to whom they should be returned not later than Wednesday, May 22, 1985.

ST. NICHOLAS (CANVEY ISLAND) FAMILY CENTRE

PROJECT LEADER (NEW POST)

Salary: £9,477 — £11,025
(with placement according to experience *and performance assessment*
at £10,107 if relevant

The Family Centre is being established by a partnership between Essex County Council, The Anglican Parish of Canvey and The Children's Society. The Project Leader will need to have a Social / Community Work qualification and to have considerable relevant experience as well as being committed to the participation of local people in identifying their own needs and in finding solutions. He/she will have the support of the Project Group and contact with other Project Leaders engaged in similar work.

This will be a Project specifically set in a Christian context and the Project Leader will need to have thought about this. The Church of England Children's Society is a Christian organisation which seeks in staff a readiness to grow in Christian faith and life.

If you are interested please ring Frances Killick, on Luton (0582) 33832 for further details and to arrange an informal visit.

For application form/job description write to: Miss Frances Killick, Principal Officer, Regional Office, 21 Dunstable Road, Luton, Beds LU1 1BG. (large s.a.e. appreciated).

Closing date: 29th May 1985.

BRENT

Co-ordinator for Meals Services

SECTION HEAD *Grade PO1A*

Salary: £10,716 to £11,562 pa
plus £1,017 L.W. & supplements.

Brent Social Services provides a highly developed meals programme specially attuned to the dietary needs of its multi-racial population. The programme includes meals-on-wheels, nearly 50 luncheon clubs and a large number of day centres — all organised in close liaison *with the local community and voluntary services.*

We are now looking for a an imaginative, capable individual to head the management team, and provide vital initiatives in community nutrition for the elderly.

This is a demanding position with overall responsibility for the co-ordination, production and delivery of meals, and for the organisation of the luncheon clubs.

It calls for excellent management and communication skills, plus an informed interest in catering and community care. Desired professional qualifications include nutrition, catering and/or management.

If you would like to know more about this post, please contact: **Kay Richards, Assistant Director, Residential *and Day Care Division, 01-903 1400 Ex. 275 or evenings* 0707 322008.**

Application forms and job description from: The Personnel Division Room 1, Brent Town Hall Annexe, Kings Drive, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 9BB.

Returnable 6th June. Telephone 01-903 0371 (24 hour Ansafone service).

Reference number SS/526 must be quoted.

London Borough of BRENT

Senior Community Worker

£11,061 — £11,682 p.a. incl.

We seek someone with a clear grasp of community work theories and evidence of ability to carry these into high standards of practice. Good working relationships have been developed with other professional and voluntary organisations and several joint projects are in hand with our social work team. You will be expected to give a clear lead in promoting community work practice. The post is part of a lively team where good support and supervision is given.

CQSW required.

For informal discussions ring Don Sandford, Team Leader, on 01-546 2121, ext. 3485.

***Application form and further details from: Staffing Officer* (SS/HH), Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. Please quote reference number 2304. Tel: 01-546 2121, ext. 3455 (office hours answering service).**

Closing date: 30th May, 1985.

ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES

The Grange Centre for the Handicapped

PRINCIPAL

required for September 1985

- ★ The Grange Centre at Bookham, Surrey provides needlework training, sheltered employment and residential care for 45 physically handicapped girls aged 16 and over.
- ★ The Principal is responsible to the Council of Management for the day to day management of the Centre in all its aspects. Particular importance is attached to maintaining the Centre's reputation for care and for high quality work.
- ★ The post is necessarily residential and self contained accommodation is provided. Salary from £12,000 or Burnham Scale as appropriate.

Please send personal details in confidence to:
T O'G Cochrane, Charity Appointments,
146 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4HN

CHURCH HOUSING ASSOCIATION
SOCIAL WORKER
LONDON

CHA, a national organisation with a caring management approach, requires a full-time qualified or experienced Social Worker with a good knowledge of welfare benefits at its London Office near Waterloo Station.

The person appointed will work with Housing Management and Maintenance colleagues on a wide range of problems affecting tenants and their housing needs, and will travel throughout London. Tenants may be single people, families, or active elderly..

SALARY: £7,803—£9,780 incl London Weighting.

Applications to: Pat George, Church Housing Association Ltd., Welford House, 112A Shirland Road, London W9 2EL. Tel: 01-289 2241. Closing date: 29th May, 1985.

BEXLEY COUNCIL FOR RACIAL EQUALITY
In conjunction with the COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY
require a

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER
(Education)

£8,919-£11,682 (inc. London Weighting)
Contributory Pension Scheme

BCRE is seeking a support CRO who will be deputy to the Chief Officer but specialise in Education. The person appointed should have extensive experience of work in education and race *relations, and be committed to the promotion of an anti-racist* education policy.

Further details and application form from: **JOHN AUSTIN-WALKER, CRO, BCRE, 3 Walnut Tree Road, Erith, Kent DA8 1RA.**

Closing date for applications: 7th June 1985.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Race Relations Officer (2 Posts)

Scale 6: £8,532-£9,114 (Under Review)

Manchester City Council's Housing Department manages 100,000 properties and provides other services such as Housing Advice Centre, Hostels and accommodation for homeless families. The Council is the major employer in the City. We are fully committed to continue the development and implementation of anti-racist policies to alleviate racial disadvantage in housing, suffered by ethnic minority communities in Manchester. We are seeking to *recruit two Race-Relations Officers. The major areas of work will* be:

(i) to assist the Department in tackling public sector housing related problems faced by ethnic minority communities;
(ii) to assist in developing and organising an ongoing programme *of anti-racist training;*
(iii) to develop and maintain links / consultation with ethnic minority communities, so that their needs, views and aspirations are taken into account in housing services and employment.

No formal qualifications are necessary. Applicants should be good communicators who have an understanding of issues relating to race and housing and have worked within ethnic minority communities for several years. The ability to achieve results in combating racism in employment and housing services is essential.

Application forms and job descriptions available from the Personnel Officer, Housing Department, Room 2021, Level 2, Town Hall Extension, Manchester M60 2JX. Closing date 31st May, 1985.

We now operate a recorded telephone answering service for job applications. You will be asked for the following information:
(a) The title of the post you are interested in
(b) Your name and address.
So please have this information ready when you telephone. Telephone 061-234 4726.

DIRECT WORKS DEPARTMENT

Personnel Manager

Scale PO1 £10,716-£11,562
+ Essential Car User Allowance

The Department, which is engaged in the construction and maintenance of buildings, employs approximately 3,700 operatives and staff and has an annual turnover in excess of £50 million.

Whilst being part of a Local Authority the Department has a positive commercial role and is in direct competition in most of its activities.

We are seeking a person to be responsible for the personnel function, including Industrial Relations. The person appointed will report to the Personnel Services Officer and will act as his deputy.

Local Government experience is not essential but the successful candidate should be able to demonstrate the ability to see the *Department's personnel policies in the context of the City* Council's overall objectives.

Relocation expenses up to £1,000 are available.

Application forms are available from the Staff Officer, Salisbury House, Granby Row, Manchester. Tel 061-228 3488, Ext. 290. Closing date 31st May, 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Officer-in-Charge

Ree Grades £11,025-£11,889.
WOODVILLE AGED PERSONS' HOME, Shirley Road, Cheetham.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for this demanding post in an establishment which offers a variety of services for the elderly.

In addition to 35 long-stay and 5 short-stay beds, Woodville is about to introduce a 10-place Day Care scheme which the successful applicant will be expected to monitor and develop in consultation with the Area Social Work Team for the Elderly.

For informal discussion please ring either Mr. N. Maddocks, Senior S.W., Area 1, 061-205 7321 or Mrs. S. Wareing, Principal Officer, North District, 061-205 7438.

Application forms from the Personnel Section, P.O. Box 536, Town Hall Extension, Manchester M60 2AF. Tel 061-234 3887/ 3868. Closing date 31st May, 1985.

CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Senior Librarian Wythenshawe Area

Salary £8,532-£10,107
Plus 7½% Irregular Hours Payment

We require a graduate Chartered Librarian with experience and knowledge of management skills for this challenging post.

Wythenshawe Area serves a population of 80,000 through a major district library and three smaller libraries. The Senior Librarian has a crucial role to play in the management of the Area and would be expected to co-ordinate and monitor the work of staff delivering, through a team based approach, a wide range of library and community cultural services.

You will need to have a strong commitment to community librarianship and be able to demonstrate initiative, communication skills and the ability to motivate others.

24 days annual leave.

Team Librarian East Manchester (2 Posts)

Salary £5,922-£7,329 p.a.
Plus 7½% Irregular Hours Payment

We require a Graduate Chartered or Licentiate Librarian with experience of public library systems in an urban environment, who can demonstrate an imaginative and enterprising approach in a wide-ranging community-based service.

The minimum salary for Graduate Chartered Librarians will be £8,555 p.a.

22 days annual leave.

Conditions of service include a 35-hour working week. Contributory pension scheme and assistance with removal expenses where appropriate.

Application form and further details are available from the Personnel Office, Central Library, St. Peter's Square, Manchester M2 5PD. Tel: 061-236 9422, Ext. 262 during office hours Mon-Fri only. Closing date for applications 31.5.85.

The City Council operates a Union Membership agreement under which a new employee is required to become a member of a recognised union.

MANCHESTER
City Council

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic, or national origin; disability, age, sexuality, or responsibilities for dependants.

KARIBU TRUST

WARDEN

Karibu is a charitable trust set up by concerned individuals to help homeless people in the City of Nottingham by building a 25-bed hostel in Duke Street, Basford. The committee wishes to appoint a Warden. The person appointed will need to have managerial experience, enthusiasm and sensitivity to deal with young people who have social as well as housing difficulties. Experience of working with black people is an advantage.

Salary for the post, which reflects the responsibilities of the post, will be starting at £9,477 p.a.

Application forms can be obtained from the Karibu Trust, Karibu House, Duke Street, Basford, Nottingham. Telephone: 0602 704990. For informal discussions contact Shirley Quashie on Nottingham (0602) 700481.

Closing date June 7th, 1985.

Interviews to be held week commencing June 17th, 1985.

Civic Trust

ARCHITECT/TOWN PLANNER

or a planner with an additional qualification in landscape architecture is required to play an energetic role in helping to develop the rapidly-expanding workload of practical projects being undertaken by the Civic Trust — a registered charity concerned with improving the environment

The successful candidate will be enthusiastic and self-motivated, possess sound and varied experience, be sympathetic to the aims of community involvement, able to communicate effectively, and willing to travel extensively as the work requires. Closing date: Monday 10th June, 1985.

For further information write to Paul Davies, Civic Trust, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AW.

CLERKENWELL HERITAGE CENTRE, ISLINGTON

INFORMATION/ RECEPTION WORKER

£8,994. This post is funded by the GLC until 31 March 1986

An experienced and responsible person required to deal with visitors and carry out some research. The Heritage Centre works to promote Clerkenwell for those who live, work and visit in the area.

Application (C.V.) to: The Director, Clerkenwell Heritage Centre, 33 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DN

We are an Equal Opportunities Employer

PROJECT MANAGER

(Full-time) £6,555-£8,004

ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER

(Part-time, 25 hrs pw) £3,274

Church Housing Association hostels section, requires a Project Manager and part-time Assistant to run a second stage bedsit scheme in South-East London. *Both posts require* caring people, sympathetic to the difficulties of those leaving large institutions and preparing for the transition to their own permanent accommodation. The Project Manager's post has a self-contained flat on a service tenancy.

Experience in working with this group is desirable but not essential.

If you feel you can do this job, please contact: Su Fernando, Church Housing Association, 112a Shirlands Road, London W9 2BT. Tel 01-289 2241.

NEWHAM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES COUNCIL
An Equal Opportunities Employer
seeks

(1) Deputy General Secretary

An experienced community worker needed to concentrate on ethnic minority liaison and race equality, training and funding issues. The postholder will play a key role in ensuring the continuity of vital voluntary sector services. Demonstrable experience of ethnic minority needs, *inner city problems, and advice giving required.*

Salary £10,134 (SO1 plus OLW).

(2) Information Officer

A challenging post to co-ordinate information services, community Newsletter, and use of computer. The postholder must be able to communicate complex material in a concise style, both written and oral. *Knowledge of computing, voluntary organisations, and* information or research work a distinct advantage.

Salary £7,212 (LGS4 plus OLW).

Informal enquiries about both posts to Hilary Barnard on *01-555 8254.*

Job details from: NVAC, Durning Hall, Earlham Grove, London E7 9AB. Deadline for return of applications: 7th June, 1985.

amnesty international
seeks

CAMPAIGN ASSISTANT

in the
CAMPAIGN AND MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

on a fixed-term contract, from 22nd July, 1985, to 7th March, 1986.

The Campaign Assistant works in a team which is responsible for organisir Amnesty International's work against the death penalty and torture internationally. The job of the Campaign Assistant will mostly be on the dea penalty. It involves working closely with other departments of the International Secretariat, organising and writing relevant actions for use by the Amnesty International membership and the general public.

The Campaign Assistant must be creative, organised and have an understanding of international affairs. The Campaign Assistant must be able to type and do administrative tasks such as record-keeping and filing. A good knowledge of French would be an advantage. A good knowledge of Amnesty International would be useful.

Salary £8,630 per annum pro rata.

For a job specification and application form please Tel 01-837 3805 (24 hours).

SOVA

INTERMEDIATE TREATMENT CO-ORDINATOR

Salary: £9,135

SOVA is a *voluntary organisation* working in association with the Probation, Prison and Social Services to promote community involvement with the care of offenders and young people in trouble.

The *Co-ordinator* will be responsible for the recruiting, training and placing volunteers with I.T. projects in Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Wandsworth. Experience of the voluntary sector, teaching or Probation / Social Services would be an advantage.

For further details and application form, please contact: SOVA, Tel: 01-735 4421, or write to: 240 Clapham Road, London SW9 0PZ.

Closing date for applications: 3rd June, 1985.

Preparing Teenagers For Family Placements

5 Portishead House, London W2 5VP

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER 1585 CELEBRATION 1985

Westminster has a well-established Community Fostering Scheme which provides family placements for difficult adolescents. Community foster-parents provide time-limited, contract-based placements and are paid a fee in addition to boarding-out allowances.

A residential unit has been established to provide short-term placements for 6 teenagers in order to prepare them for placement with community foster-parents. In addition the unit offers 2 respite/disruption placements.

The staff in the unit must be committed to the belief that every young person has the right to live with a family and to be placed with properly supported and adequately rewarded foster-parents. The unit will run on a mixture of key worker and group work with the main thrust of the work being on preparing residents for family placements.

We wish to complete the staffing complement of nine by recruiting:

Deputy Officer-in-Charge

—GRADE 5 (Ref. SS 31) Salary £9,510-£11,043

You will be professionally qualified and have previous experience of working with teenagers. You will share with the other Deputy full management responsibility for the home and in the absence of the Officer-in-Charge, will give and receive formal supervision and, ideally, have some experience of group work.

Residential Social Worker

Grade 1/3* (Ref. SS 32)

You will be professionally qualified or have previous experience of working with teenagers. You will take on key worker responsibility and be committed to working as a member of a team.

For further information and to arrange an informal visit, telephone Miss Glenys Jermin, Officer-in-Charge, on 01 229 0160.

*Salary scale £5,859-£8,058 according to age and experience with a minimum of £7,497 for those candidates with at least one year's residential experience. Minimum of £9,252 with a recognised qualification (CQSW, CSS, CRCCYP). Possible progression to £8,994 for unqualified staff.

To obtain application form please send postcard, telephone or call at the Personnel Management Division (quoting appropriate reference number) to P.O. Box 240, WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL, City Hall, Victoria Street, SW1E 6QP, telephone number 01-834 5958 (24-hour Ansafone service). Closing date: 3rd June, 1985.

Want to give a good deal to the elderly?

Principal Service Managers (3 posts)

Elderly — North-West, Rees House and South /.

Grade PO4 **£13,983-£15,015**

Croydon Social Services is creating a new, comprehensive service to the elderly, based on local geographical areas.

We are seeking dynamic and dedicated senior managers who are heading for the top. Each manager will have a budget of over £2m and an exciting range of community and residential provision. These need skilled management and co-ordination to ensure that elderly people receive a planned "package" of care.

The job requires management and leadership skills of a high order, and a particularly sound track record in team building.

Together with the Assistant Director and the other two PSMs, you will be expected to develop a more detailed strategy for serving and working with the elderly and to ensure that our provision is of a high quality.

Considerable importance will be attached to skills in communication, staff recognition, helping employees to provide a sensitive, flexible service and in monitoring.

An overall restructuring is also occurring to create an adult services division. Principal Service Managers for the Mentally Handicapped, the Mentally Ill and Physically Handicapped respectively are also being appointed. You will, therefore, be Senior Members of the new Divisional Management Team.

If you have a record of practical achievement in working at senior level in services for the elderly or the equivalent, we would like to hear from you. A degree and a relevant qualification will be required.

For an informal discussion about these posts, please telephone Andrew Leigh, Assistant Director (Adult Services), 01-686 4433 ext 2520.

Application forms available from Social Services Central Administration, Room 225, Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon, Tel 01-686 4433 ext 2377.

CROYDON

An equal opportunity employer

CITY OF LONDON
Social Services Department

Social Worker

Medium Secure Psychiatric Provision: North East Thames Region

SALARY: £11,619 to £12,771 p.a. inclusive

Experienced in work with the mentally disordered?

An exciting and challenging opportunity awaits an experienced and qualified social worker. He/she will be attached to the purpose-built Denis Hill Unit at the Bethlem Royal Hospital and based with the City's psychiatric social work team at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Eight beds at this unit are to be used by those patients from three Health Districts (City and Hackney, Tower Hamlets & Newham) in the North East Thames Region who are temporarily too disruptive for their local psychiatric hospital. They will be referred from prison and special hospitals as well as from ordinary psychiatric hospitals.

The social worker will be expected to fully participate in the work of the multi-disciplinary team at the Unit, which includes two other social workers, and will play a vital role in the assessment, treatment and after care of patients from the three Health Districts. Good communication and liaison with the relevant personnel of health, probation and social services in the Districts, particularly in the City and Hackney, will be essential.

The social worker will make a significant contribution to the planning of services and policy for the future in relation to NETRHA and the City and Hackney. He/she will also be involved with training and research. A person who is keenly interested in the development of facilities and innovative approaches is sought.

Good administrative and organisational skills will be needed as well as the professional confidence and maturity to take responsibility for this unusual job.

The post is funded for three years initially. Car drivers/owners preferred.

Further information and application form from Elizabeth Crowther, Director of Social Services, Milton Court, Moor Lane, London EC2.

For informal discussion contact: John Loughran or Elizabeth Crowther on 01-606 3030 extn. 2213.

Closing date for applications: 3rd June, 1985.

INTERMEDIATE TREATMENT FUND

INFORMATION OFFICER

Required for the ITF — a government-sponsored fund established to grant aid voluntary projects providing community care for young offenders.

Responsibilities will include maintenance and development of the Fund's information programme, including analysis of applications, monitoring of awards made, contribution to Fund publications and promotion of Fund services through a variety of media.

Applicants with relevant academic or professional qualifications, should have at least 2 years' experience in a voluntary organisation or social work / education related field. Knowledge of micro-computers an advantage.

Salary: according to experience but not less than £10,000.

Further details and application form from: Judy Lister, Intermediate Treatment Fund, 33 King Street, London WC2E 8JD, Tel 01-379 6171. Closing date: 30th May, 1985.

ITF

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN & ADULTS

HOMES FOUNDATION

MENCAP

Will shortly be opening a group home for ten mentally handicapped adults in Cranleigh, Surrey, and require the following staff:

RESIDENT OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Salary £7,065-£7,746 per annum

RESIDENTIAL CARE OFFICERS (3)

Salary £6,249-£7,065 per annum

Applications are invited from persons, preferably with a relevant qualification and previous experience, who possess the enthusiasm, drive and ability to motivate and assist residents to achieve maximum independence and integration into community life.

Sleeping-in and weekend working will be required on a rota basis.

The Officer-in-Charge is required to live in the self-contained one-bedroom flat provided, for which a deduction of £999 pa will be made.

Further details and application form (please enclose a 9"x4" sae) from: Director of Homes Foundation, MENCAP National Centre, 123 Golden Lane, London EC1Y 0RT. Closing date for completed application forms: 12th June, 1985.

Threshold

Single Persons

Housing Association

Threshold is a lively association based in Wandsworth working in a multi-racial environment to provide a variety of housing for single people and childless couples in five South and West London boroughs. We have 500 flats in management, with a further 400 in our development pipeline, as well as a substantial programme of Shared Housing projects. We now wish to fill the following posts:

SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER (new post)

Salary £10,725-£11,355

To assume a major role in the control of our financial administration, including responsibility for budget and cashflow preparation and monitoring, as well as deputising for the Finance Manager in his absence. He/she must be competent in general accounting procedures and a knowledge of computers would be welcomed.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (new post)

Salary £10,725-£11,355

To undertake the post-purchase project management of newbuild and rehab developments for fair rent, Shared Housing and home ownership schemes in the Borough of Wandsworth. He/she must be able to maintain good working relationships with funding authorities, have sufficient technical know-how to supervise consultants through all stages of project design and building contract; and possess the necessary skills to follow required cost control and administrative procedures. Driving licence essential.

PROPERTY BUYER

Salary £9,786-£10,362

To purchase land and property to maintain our forward development programme. He/she must have the drive and perseverance to seek out and pursue opportunities; and be able to negotiate with agents and vendors and liaise effectively with funding authorities, consultants and solicitors. Driving licence essential.

For all the above posts, familiarity with housing association work would be a distinct advantage. However, a commitment to providing public sector housing to people in need and a proven ability to do the job are more important than formal qualifications.

Benefits include car allowance and car loan scheme for essential car users, pension, LVs.

For further details and an application form or an informal discussion about any post, please contact:

Mary Tyler, Admin & Personnel Officer
TSPHA, 227A Garratt Lane, London SW18 4DT
Telephone 01-871 1244

Threshold is an Equal Opportunities Employer and especially welcomes applications from ethnic minority and women candidates.

RESEARCH OFFICER

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Scale 5 £8,181 p.a. — £8,919 p.a. inclusive

This is a key post, with fast-developing responsibilities for housing research and computer development. You will conduct research projects and collect and present statistical information across the whole range of housing functions. In addition, you will maintain and develop an already thriving network of contacts throughout the department and outside. This will include development of a 'research network' in the department, involving the identification and co-ordination of all staff with research skills.

You will also develop use of the department's computer systems for research and management information, training staff where necessary. Currently, systems are being implemented on the department's own Microdata M9000 mini-computer, on Sirius and IBM micro-computers, and on an IBM mainframe, using packages such as SPSS.

You should be a graduate in a relevant field, preferably with one to two years' experience in a research capacity. Experience as a user of computer packages is required.

You must be a good communicator, both in writing and orally. An enquiring mind and an interest in housing / social policy is essential, as is an ability to develop ideas quickly with positive results. Initiative and originality will be encouraged, while training will be provided, comprising a mix of external courses and 'on-the-job'.

Please telephone Martin Ferguson (Uxbridge 50111, ext. 3370) or Les Hobbs (ext 2178) for an informal discussion about this varied and challenging opportunity. Flexitime is worked.

Application forms for this post, quoting Reference Number HG/21/6X, available from the Personnel Division, Civic Centre, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 1UW. Telephone: Uxbridge 50589 (24-hour answering service available). Closing date: 29th May, 1985.

LONDON BOROUGH OF Hillingdon

Applications from disabled persons will be welcomed.

STONHAM HOUSING ASSOCIATION

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

requires a

SENIOR PROJECT WORKER

This is a new post for an existing project which offers hostel accommodation for 8 people. The Senior Project Worker will be responsible for the effective running of the scheme. This would involve supporting and befriending the residents and preparing them for a move to more permanent and independent accommodation. He/she will be assisted by one other member of staff. Relevant experience is necessary and sleeping-in duties will be required. Salary £7524.

Closing date 24 May, 1985.

Application form and further details from: P Horsley, Gloucester House, 23a London Road, Peterborough. Tel: Peterborough 48828.

HUNTINGDON BRANCH

requires a

PROJECT WORKER

The project offers temporary accommodation for 7 people in two houses in Huntingdon. The Project Worker will assist the Senior Project Worker in the effective running of the project. The aim of the project is to provide support for the residents and prepare them for a move to more permanent and independent accommodation. Experience desirable. Salary £6081.

Closing date 31 May 1985.

Application and further details from: R. Wakefield, Secretary to Management Committee, Probation Office, Grammar School Walk, Huntingdon. Tel: Huntingdon 57349.

Social Worker

Hillingdon Hospital

£8,661-£11,373

We need a mature, experienced and qualified (CQSW) person, with skills in developing rehabilitation and counselling work on our surgical wards and with interest in the elderly, to join a group of Social Workers and Welfare Officer.

We can offer regular supervision; and participation in the day Duty System gives varied experience. Our Department enjoys regular meetings, training opportunities, a variety of methods of work, good relations with community and residential services, and good secretarial support. Hillingdon is a District General Hospital and links with out-patients and community care are vital.

Fringe benefits may be payable depending on personal circumstances. Flexitime Scheme operates.

For further information, please telephone Cynthia Childs, Principal Social Worker or Louise Simons, Team Leader, on Uxbridge 38282.

Application form and further details from the Personnel Officer, REF: SS/21/3XE, Civic Centre, Uxbridge. Telephone Uxbridge 50589 (24 hour answering service). Applications from disabled persons welcome. Closing date 29.5.85.

London Borough of Hillingdon

Royal College of General Practitioners

ASSISTANT IN THE REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Salary in the range £7,500 — £9,500 p.a. inclusive London Weighting

This is a very busy department of the College dealing with the registration of new Members, the updating of their personal details, and providing information to other College departments and the regional Faculties. We are looking for an experienced computer operator / registration clerk whose duties will include the updating of the computer database, word processing, clerical duties and some typing. The applicant will be able to work on his/her own initiative and will also be used to working under pressure to meet frequent deadlines. He/she will also be a member of a small team and will if necessary be expected to take over the duties of a colleague. The post is answerable to the Registration Officer.

ARCHIVE AND CENTRAL FILING CLERK

Salary in the range £7,300 — £8,300 p.a. inclusive of London Weighting

As a result of recent reorganisation within the College, a vacancy has arisen for a person who will be responsible for the streamlining of the central filing system for current files and archive material. Duties will include a review of the filing system on a regular basis, the indexing of material, the upkeep of files and the retrieval of documents upon request. Ideally, the successful candidate will have previous experience in Library or Records work and should have some knowledge of computers. This post reports to the Clerk to Council

Telephone 01-581 3232 extension 201 for an application form and further details of the College

The Thomas Coram Foundation for Children

CORAM CHILDREN'S CENTRE

SOCIAL WORKER

(FULL TIME OR PART TIME JOB SHARE)

(£9,477 — £11,025 pa plus London Weighting £1,248 or pro rata)

Do you like and understand the under-fives and their needs?

Do you want the freedom and opportunities afforded by working in a Children's Day Care Centre (for 100 children) run by a dynamic voluntary organisation?

Do you want to work in a multi-disciplinary team of nursery teachers, nursery nurses, visiting doctors, speech therapists, health visitors, toy library organisers and kitchen staff?

Do you have field work, group work and family work skills and want to develop them?

Do you want to work in the heart of London in a socially and ethnically mixed community?

If 'Yes' is the answer to all these questions, then we ask you to apply for the Social Worker's post at the Coram Children's Centre.

Please write or telephone for a Job Description and Application Form to Mrs. P. J. Manning, Administrative Assistant, The Thomas Coram Foundation for Children, 40 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AZ (telephone 01-278 2424).

Closing date for applications: 31st May 1985.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

This Association currently has the following vacancy:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(FIELD OFFICER SUPPORT)

Based Team Valley Estate, Gateshead. Circa £7,000

required to assist the North East Area Field Officers with their administrative tasks.

Main duties will include minute taking, maintaining records, dealing with day-to-day inquiries.

The successful candidate will have a flexible approach to work; good communication skills, numeracy and administrative ability are essential, as is experience of minute taking and drafting reports.

Generous leave, luncheon vouchers and contributory pension scheme.

For job description and application form please WRITE on a postcard to: **Personnel Department, NACAB, Myddelton House, 115-123 Pentonville Road, London N1 9LZ.**

CLOSING DATE: 31st May, 1985.

All applicants considered on basis of suitability for post regardless of sex, race, marital status or disability.

Citizens Advice Bureau

District Organiser

OXFAM needs someone with leadership skills who is versatile and energetic to assist with the development of our shops in North London. We shall be looking for someone with organising ability, communication skills and a commitment to OXFAM's aims and objectives. Retail experience is highly desirable. A clean driving licence is essential and a car is provided. The main task will be working with groups of volunteers who are engaged in running our gift shops.

Starting salary is £7,960 per annum plus £630 pa London weighting, rising by annual increments to £9,774 per annum.

For further details write to the Personnel Department, Oxfam, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ, enclosing an sae. Closing date is 29th May, 1985.

Oxfam is an Equal Opportunities Employer

OXFAM

THE BETH JOHNSON FOUNDATION

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Salary: up to £9,000 including LWA (according to age and experience)

To carry out a 12 month funded study of Mid-Essex Health Authority's "Positive Action for Mental Illness in Old Age" project.

The post would suit an enthusiastic person, of graduate calibre or similar, who can work on his/her own initiative.

For further details contact: Parkfield House, Hartshill, Stoke on Trent, ST4 7JL. Tel. 0782 44836.

Closing date: 31 May 1985.

Bradford & Northern Housing Association

requires a

HOUSING OFFICER

(Burnley area)

We are a forward-looking, expanding Housing Association, with a current stock of about 4,000 units. We are seeking a mature person, preferably aged 30+.

The appointment entails the management of about 800 units around the Burnley area. Applicants should either be professionally qualified or have at least five years' practical experience in estates management.

They should also be able to demonstrate maturity of judgment and leadership in the environment of a small office. Own transport and a clean driving licence are essential.

Salary range £7,087-£9,969 pa.

For application form please contact the Chief Housing Officer, Bradford & Northern Housing Association Ltd, Butterfield House, Otley Rd, Baildon, Shipley, West Yorkshire BD17 7HF. Tel 0274 588840. Envelopes should be marked "staff application — confidential".

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

An international non-profit organisation is seeking to employ an experienced Administrative Assistant to work in the United Kingdom.

The successful applicant will have extensive experience in administrative matters at an international level and will be required to work in close co-operation with the organisation's Executive Director and to assume responsibility for a number of particular areas of the organisation's work.

The job will entail working from the organisation's head office and will predominantly involve close liaison and contact with its national offices throughout the world on a range of issues from fundraising to program work. Fluency in French, German, Spanish or other European languages would be an asset.

Applications are invited including a curriculum vitae, an indication of the salary level expected and an outline of why the applicant seeks employment with a non-profit organisation, to be sent to:

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164 Deansgate, Manchester M60 2RR

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THE GUARDIAN

CYNON-TAF H.A. LTD

requires a

HOUSING MANAGER

Salary £10,404-£12,645

This association has 350 rehab units in management in Cynon Valley. One hundred units will be developed this year, a new build scheme is on site and a sheltered complex will be completed next year.

We seek to appoint a suitably qualified person to take responsibility for all aspects of housing management; to work within a small, highly committed, team and share their concern about the severe housing problems of this valley.

Letters of application, including cv, addressed to: The Director, Cynon-Taf H.A., 17-19 Cardiff St, Aberdare, Mid Glam CF44 7DP, must arrive not later than Monday, 3rd June, 1985.

A major London Housing Association has the following vacancy:

HOUSING ASSISTANT

(c. £8,500 p.a. + car allowance)

The person appointed will work within one of our area teams which each provides the full range of housing services for over 1,000 tenancies. Applicants should be able to work under pressure and be committed to providing a high level of service to our tenants. A knowledge of welfare benefits would be especially useful.

The Association operates in an area of high housing stress with a multi-racial community, and is committed to meeting a wide range of local housing needs. For this reason applicants with experience of working with ethnic minorities are particularly welcome to apply.

Closing date: 31 May 1985.

Application form and job description from:
Jane Hemsley
Secretary to the Association
New Islington & Hackney Housing Association
123 Kingsland High Street
LONDON E8 2PB
Tel: 01-254 1272

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New Islington & Hackney Housing Association

CHRISTIAN AID

seeks

TWO AREA SECRETARIES

One for Lincolnshire/Leicestershire and the other for North Yorkshire.

Candidates — men or women — must have a clear commitment to the Christian faith and to issues of poverty and oppression worldwide. Good organising ability and communication skills essential, plus experience in public speaking.

A current driving licence is required.

Details and application form from:
Head of Community Education Department, Christian Aid, P.O. Box 1, London SW9 8BH.

Please indicate area in which you are interested, and enclose foolscap s.a.e. Closing date for applications 3rd June with interviews about two weeks later.

VOLUNTARY ACTION CAMDEN

a registered charity with £1 million annual budget, is seeking a

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

with

— good knowledge and experience of financial and management accounting, especially of all aspects of salary payments.

— general knowledge and experience of micro-based computer systems and an interest in developing their use.

— a commitment to the philosophy of and an interest in the work of a non-profit-making charity.

In return, we offer £10,725-£12,273 per annum; 6 weeks' holiday; superannuation scheme.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applicants from all sections of the community.

Full job description and application form from Gillian Hall, Voluntary Action Camden, 25/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SE. (01-388 2071).

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We are looking for a

NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKER

to work with young people in the multi-racial community of Hay Mills, Birmingham. The person appointed will be the only worker on this project, and will be required to identify the needs and interests of young people (particularly of Asian origin) and to develop initiatives appropriate to these needs.

Experience of developing initiatives with young people essential.

Bengali/Urdu speaking advantageous.

Salary £8,000 year — job share possible.

Further information contact: Tom Pettitt, 'BYY, 17 Cannon Street, Birmingham B2 5EN. Tel: 021-643 8287.

BYY is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

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NORCARE LIMITED

Require a

PROJECT LEADER

To run a 13-bed dispersed hostel scheme for ex-offenders located in two properties in Blaydon and Gateshead.

Duties will include selection and support of residents, assistance with re-settlement and re-housing, liaison with the relevant statutory and voluntary organisations and supervision of other staff.

The post is non-residential but sleeping-in duties will be required.

Starting salary will be £7,524 per annum.

Further details and an application form from: **Norcare Ltd., Sandyford Executive Offices, Sandyford Road, Jesmond, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE2 1XG. Tel: 0632 618881.**

Closing date for applications is Monday, 3rd June 1985

NORTHERN SCHIZOPHRENIA FELLOWSHIP

require a

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

to assist generally in the work of the fellowship, and to facilitate the development of self-help groups and community-based projects for recovering mentally-ill persons and their families in the Southern half of the Northern region.

Experience in group work with mentally-ill persons and their families and in project planning and development desirable. A current driving licence and access to a car is essential.

Salary Scale: £8,655-£9,795 p.a.

For further information contact: Alex Goaling, Director, Northern Schizophrenia Fellowship, 38 Collingwood Buildings, Collingwood Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1JH. Tel: 31st May 1985. Closing date for applications: Friday.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

TOWN CLERK's DEPARTMENT

GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER

£17,580 — £18,660

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE?

Can you . . .

- Work under pressure?
- Manage and lead a large number of staff?
- Handle a budget of £5½m?
- Demonstrate high quality administrative skills?

If you can answer Yes! to these questions, you could be the person we're looking for

We've recently reorganised our General Services Division and we need a General Services Officer to take over from the present postholder who retires in June.

You will be responsible through three Section Heads for a number of services including:

- maintenance of 40 administrative offices across the borough and provision of support services including hallkeeping, porterage, cleaning and security
- emergency planning and the Council's emergency services
- telecommunications
- the Council's printing services
- staff restaurants
- the range of administrative support services for Town Clerk's Department

In addition, you will be responsible personally for supervision of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages and organisation of the Council's ceremonial events and you will represent the Division on the departmental management group.

This is a key senior post for which previous local government experience will be a distinct advantage. We are looking for a man or woman with proven management skills who has the tact and sensitivity to work well with a wide range of people and the stamina to cope with the stresses of an extremely demanding job.

For more information and an informal chat about the appointment, please ring Howard Miller on 01-703 6311, Extn. 2324, or Ron Whitlam on Extn. 2012.

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons.

Telephone 01-701 2020 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard, to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DG.

Please quote reference G/15438 and job title.

Last date for receipt of completed application forms: 5.6.85.

Southwark
a London borough

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Room to Grow

— in every sense! In 1985 Barnardo's is initiating a further 5 new "demonstration model" projects in Scotland for children and families with special needs. To enable this and the development of existing work, the Edinburgh based Divisional Management Team is being augmented by the appointment of a further

ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL DIRECTOR

£12,981 — £14,013 per annum

The appointment carries responsibility for the management and development of a small group of existing projects and the planning and development of new work to meet outstanding needs.

The post offers good opportunities to build on previous experience in developing new concepts of care: implementing policy; managing staff and resources; developing high quality practice in an inter-professional approach and contributing to the corporate management of the Division in Scotland.

Applicants should be qualified social workers able to provide *significant evidence of their skills and achievements to date*, both at professional and managerial level.

Barnardo's is a Christian child care organisation and offers conditions of service broadly in line with local authorities. Applications for posts are welcomed from persons irrespective of disability, marital status, sex or race. Transferable pension. Relocation and essential car user allowances are payable.

Applications and enquiries to John Rea, Divisional Director (Child Care), Scottish Divisional HQ, 235 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh. Tel 031-334 9893.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 29th May, 1985.

Barnardo's

WOLVERHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Salary Scale £16,365—£17,271

Applications are invited for this important and challenging post *from Solicitors who can demonstrate professional and managerial ability of the highest order.*

Reporting directly to the Director (there is no Deputy post), the postholder will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Legal and Administrative divisions of the Department and will be expected to contribute significantly to the wider corporate management of the Council's activities.

Wolverhampton is a multi-cultural Borough facing most of the problems associated with inner city areas and a commitment to tackling those problems is essential. On the other hand, the Borough possesses many pleasant residential areas and first class shopping and recreational facilities and enjoys easy access to the adjoining countryside and excellent communications to all parts of the country.

Further information and application forms from the Director of **Legal & Administrative Services, Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1RG. Telephone (0902) 27811. Ext. 2782. Closing date: 29th May, 1985.**

Wolverhampton Council welcomes applications from all sections of the Community, irrespective of an individual's sex, ethnic origin or colour and from people with disabilities who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

WOLVERHAMPTON *the pace setter*

CO-ORDINATOR — DERBY DRUGLINE

£9,114 — £10,716 pa

Turning Point is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee in the field of drug and alcohol abuse. Recently Turning Point extended its activities to include residential mental health. Founded in 1964 Turning Point currently operates 30 centres throughout the country offering a wide range of services to clients, their families, friends and other professional agencies.

Derby Drugline will be based close to the City Centre and the project will be a volunteer based counselling service for drug users. The project will provide information and advice for the City and neighbouring areas.

The Co-ordinator will be responsible for the day to day running of the project, for recruiting and training volunteer counsellors, will act as a training resource for other agencies in contact with drug users, and will also be responsible for investigations of need for further developments in *the field of drug abuse in the Derby area. In addition the Co-ordinator will* directly supervise an Outreach Worker who will be appointed at a later date.

The successful candidate must have knowledge of drug misuse and a good understanding of both local and health authority structures. An *ability to act on own initiative and forge good liaison links is essential.* A social work qualification and ability to drive is preferable.

Please send cv and comprehensive covering letter to:

Moyra Harding, Turning Point, CAP House, 9/12 Long Lane, London EC1A 9HA

by no later than 29 May 1985.

THE NEWSKILLS TRAINING SCHEME

requires a

COURSE TUTOR

for its Youth Training Scheme.

Newskills was established in 1979 to provide training and employment opportunities for the more disadvantaged sections of local young unemployed.

The Project has a staff of 7 and a maximum of 110 training placements annually, predominantly in industrial skill areas.

Principal objectives of post:—

i) Recruitment and interview of trainees. To develop and maintain local contacts to ensure that the client group is reached. To assist in identifying possible new areas of training to meet local employment and trainee needs.

ii) *Induction. To develop and be chiefly responsible* for the co-ordination and delivery of appropriate and comprehensive induction programmes for group trainee intakes.

iii) To participate as a team member in counselling, discipline and review procedures in respect of trainees progress.

Formal qualifications are not essential. However the ability to work effectively with young people, often under pressure, with energy, commitment and enthusiasm is.

Experience of working as a team member a distinct advantage.

Newskills is part of a Training Consortium sponsored by the Council for Community Relations in Lambeth which is an equal opportunities employer. The Project is funded jointly by the MSC, Lambeth Local Authority through the Inner City Partnership arrangement and the EEC.

Salary SO1 — £10,725 — £11,355 inclusive.

Closing date 4th June. Interviews to be held 11th and 12th June.

For job description and application form please contact **Betty Pye, Administrative Officer, on 01-627 1763. Edgeley House, 4 Edgeley Road, Clapham, London SW4.**

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

The Regional Park Authority is a unique, independent statutory body, set up in 1967, to develop some 10,000 acres of land and water stretching 23 miles from Ware in Hertfordshire to Bromley-by-Bow in East London, with the aim of providing opportunities for recreation, sport, entertainment and leisure. The Authority has an active land acquisition programme and to date controls about 2,700 acres, of which some 2,000 acres are available for passive recreation.

Applications are now invited for the following posts within the Park Authority's Ranger Service which has recently been integrated with the Countryside Management Service and is actively involved in opening up the Park's countryside areas to the public. Consequently, the Rangers now work closely with the Countryside Manager, Countryside Interpreter and Schools & Youth Liaison Officer on a variety of projects in addition to their traditional patrols and bylaw enforcement role:

HEAD RANGER

£9,189-£9,771, Scale 6 (inclusive of London Weighting)

To be responsible for the overall supervision and co-ordination of the Ranger Service consisting of 20 personnel.

Applicants must have considerable experience in countryside and staff management.

SENIOR RANGERS (2 posts)

£8,181-£8,919, Scale 5 (inclusive of London Weighting)

To assist the Head Ranger in the day-to-day management, programming and organisation of the Ranger Service.

Previous experience within a ranger service is desirable together *with the ability to motivate and lead others.*

The successful applicants for all 3 posts will be expected to work on a rota which provides 7 days per week supervisory coverage of the Ranger Service.

The remuneration package includes over 5 weeks' annual holiday, assistance with removal and relocation expenses in approved cases, free life assurance and contributory pension scheme.

Lee Valley Park

Application forms and further details are available from the Establishment Officer, Myddelton House, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 9HG. Closing date: 3rd June, 1985.

SPARKBROOK ASSOCIATION
BIRMINGHAM

CENTRE WARDEN

An energetic and adaptable person required to manage and develop a busy community centre in inner city *Birmingham. Qualifications and experience essential.*

Salary scale JNC 3 (£7,866 — £9,651).

Post funded until 31st March, 1988.

Further details from: **The Chairman, SPARKBROOK ASSOCIATION, c/o 34 Grantham Road, SPARKBROOK, Birmingham, B11 1LU.**

PEAK NATIONAL PARK
LOSEHILL HALL

CONSERVATION ASSISTANT

Involves liaison with farmers and teachers and practical conservation activities. Enthusiasm for environmental education and conservation essential.

Applicants must have been unemployed for at least 6 months.

For job description and an application form SAE please to: **Peter Townsend, Principal, Peak National Park Study Centre, Losehill Hall, Castleton, Derbyshire, S30 2WB.**

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Team Leader

£11,964-£12,810 p.a. (incl.) + essential user car allowance

You will lead a patch team of Social Workers (Health) covering the Gospel Oak area assessing and responding to local community needs by providing an effective, ethnic sensitive social service and ensuring that statutory obligations are met and policy decisions are carried out. You will be involved with staff supervision and *management, participate fully in the area management team;* stipulate and respond to team interest in community projects; monitor and maintain good levels of social work and social services delivery, and act as Duty Senior on a regular basis.

You must have C.Q.S.W. and a minimum of 3 years' experience.

Informal enquiries to Simon Thelermont, Area Group Head, or Rosemary Dinnage, on 01-267 4433.

Application form from and to be returned to: Director of Social Services, Willing House, 356/364 Gray's Inn Road, WC1X 8BH, or telephone 01-837 5621 (Ansafone) quoting ref no 10/201/G. Closing date: 3rd June, 1985.

Camden Services *Too good to lose!*

equal opportunity employer

Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post, with equal opportunities for women, black/ethnic minorities, lesbians and gay men and people with disabilities, and regardless of marital status, age, creed/religion and unrelated criminal conviction. All posts are open for job-sharing.

BEACON HOSTELS HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Beacon Hostels is an expanding Housing Association developing and managing a range of accommodation for single people in five central London Boroughs. At present 660 hostel bed spaces and 45 self-contained flats are in management in five major projects with over 200 bed spaces in shared flats and self-contained units in the pipeline.

Applications are invited for the post of:

HOUSING OFFICER

Salary £7,900-£8,500
(pay award due 1st July, 1985)

in the association's Head Office, responsible to the Housing Manager for the management of the *Association's fair rent tenancies and for assisting with* Housing Management Support to the Association's Hostels. Duties will include lettings, arrears control, maintenance, supervision of caretaker, tenants support and consultation liaison with referral and other statutory and voluntary agencies and assisting with the re-*housing of residents / tenants.*

A tactful, responsive person with previous housing management experience and an interest in the housing needs of single people is sought.

Ability to take responsibility and act on own initiative together with verbal and written communication skills are required.

Job descriptions and application forms are available from: Patricia McIlhare, 189a Old Brompton Road, London SW5 0AR. Telephone: 01-370 0733. Informal inquiries to: Martin Cox, Housing Manager, also on 01-370 0733.

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Monday, 3rd June, 1985, and interviews will be held on Wednesday, 12th June.

YOUTH SERVICES

EXPERIENCED YOUTH WORKER

SOUTHWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD YOUTH *PROJECT, SUNDERLAND*

Salary scale 5 Point 24 to Scale 6 Point 30 (£7,524 to £9,114)

SNYP is looking for Co-worker with the experience, commitment and creativity to develop youth work in an area that has one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the country. The work of this independently managed project is diverse. It includes close co-operation with other projects and agencies, detached work, group work, short-term projects and development work.

Further details from T. Blazebrook, 43 Rhodesia Road, Redhouse, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

Closing date June 21, 1985

THE LEONARD CHESHIRE FOUNDATION

"WITHIN REACH"

Community home for MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS in BROMLEY, requires the following staff as soon as possible, due to promotion.

A) RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY WORKER
(non-resident)
Female to complete the balance of the present team
Scale 4/5 £7,524—£8,820 plus L.W. £657.

B) COMMUNITY ASSISTANT
non-resident)
With less responsibility than A.
Scale 3 £6,555 plus L.W. £657.

Applicants will be expected to lead one of three teams of three workers in a small community of ten adults with a wide range of mental handicap. The posts involve sleeping in on rota, some experience and supervision of group work desirable.

C) VOLUNTEER WORKER
(residential)
To complete one team.

All applicants must have a good understanding of mentally handicapped people, their needs and their families. The ability to work co-operatively and introduce practical skills eg., gardening, essential.

Application forms from: **The Chairman, 42 Kent Road, WEST WICKHAM, KENT BR4 0JP.**
Closing date: Friday, May 31st, 1985.

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL
Chief Executive's Department

PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(£8,532 - £9,114) — Scale 6

This newly created post will be of interest to young professionals (any relevant discipline) or graduates, who wish to gain or extend experience by working in a central position within the organisation of a local authority. The successful applicant will be involved in work associated with the formulation and implementation of Council policy, in forward planning, and will be asked to undertake individual projects, and research. He/she will work directly to the Chief Executive and his Deputy.

We are looking for someone who can communicate effectively (orally and in writing) and who (in response to new challenges) will be prepared to show initiative, and a very high degree of commitment.

Some previous local authority experience would be desirable.

Mid Devon offers a particularly attractive environment in which to live. It lies between the Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks, and offers equally easy access to the North and South coasts of the South West peninsula.

In suitable cases, temporary housing accommodation may be provided. Assistance towards removal expenses, legal fees, etc (maximum £1,000) is available to officers recruited from outside the District Council area.

Write or telephone for application form and job description to: Personnel Officer, 7 St. Peter Street, Tiverton, Devon EX16 6NU (Telephone: Tiverton (0884) 255255 — Ext. 218).

CLOSING DATE: 23rds May. 1985.

Suffolk County Council

Planning Department
Suffolk Rural Development Area

PROJECT OFFICER

Salary scale 5/6: £7,524-£9,114 pa

Here is a challenging opportunity to initiate, encourage and co-ordinate social and community projects and to develop co-operation between public agencies.

A Rural Development Programme is being prepared for 119 parishes in Central and North-East Suffolk following its designation by the Development Commission as a Rural Development Area. The Project Officer, whose contract will be for three years, will be expected to contribute to the formulation and implementation of this Programme.

A degree or *professional qualification relevant to* rural problems is desirable. Applicants should have experience in related work with local government and voluntary organisations and be effective communicators capable of organising and stimulating implementation of a wide range of projects with a considerable degree of independence. Car essential.

Further details and application forms (to be returned by 31st May, 1985) are available from: County Planning Officer, St Edmund House, Rope Walk, Ipswich IP4 1LZ. Tel Ipswich (0473) 55801 ext 6516.

GENERAL

KIDDERMINSTER AND DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY

HEALTH EDUCATION OFFICER

Required to join an expanding department to take particular responsibility for health education curriculum development with schools.

The Diploma in Health Education would be an advantage but consideration will be given to candidates with commensurate training and experience.

As mobility is essential to the job, a valid driving licence is necessary.

Application forms and further information from: The District Personnel Department, District Offices, Stunnyside, Mill Street, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY11 6XN. Telephone: Kidderminster 4711, Extension 39.

Closing date for receipt of applications: May 31, 1985.

Social Services Department
Wyre Forest Area (Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley)

New Neighbourhood Project

We have been successful in an Urban Aid Application and are now looking for a

Community Worker

Level III

The project is to set up and develop a neighbourhood based community work initiative within the Oldington and Foley Park Districts of Kidderminster. The post is for five years and the worker will have strong links with, and supervision and support from, other workers, but will need to have much of the strength and imagination necessary to get this new project off the ground.

The timing of this project is in line with new developments in the area toward more community orientated services.

If you are interested please contact Mary Wraith or Teresa O'Neill, Kidderminster 66631, ext. 260 and 246.

Closing date: 30th May, 1985.

Hereford and Worcester County Council

Administrative Assistant

LACSAB, the Local Government Employers' Organisation, negotiates pay and conditions for over 2½ million employees throughout the country.

The main duties will be to provide general administrative support; initially this will be in the section concerned with white-collar staff.

Previous local government and/or personnel experience will be an advantage.

Inclusive salary in the range of £8,058 to £9,510.

Further details and application form (to be returned by 29th May, 1985) from: Mrs. O. Bolton, LACSAB, 41 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8NZ. Telephone: 01-235 6081.

LACSAB Local Authorities Conditions of Service Advisory Board

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THE CATHOLIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS — CIIR

GENERAL SECRETARY

CIIR is seeking to appoint a new General Secretary, to take over responsibility from January 1986 for the management, overall policy and direction of the organisation.

CIIR is an independent organisation, which provides volunteer technical assistance overseas and a specialised education programme at home and abroad on issues of international poverty, social justice and Third World development.

Applicants must be members of the Roman Catholic church.

Salary: in the region of £12,000.

Closing date for application: 21st June 1985. Interviews *will be held 15th to 30th July 1985.*

For full details and an application form, please write to **Sue Chapman, Chairwoman of the Executive Committee, CIIR, 22 Coleman Fields, London N1 7AF.**

DOWNHAM COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Is a project based in the Borough of Lewisham, designed to give unemployed young people the opportunity to create self employment through the development of a range of viable enterprises. The post of

WORKSHOP MANAGER

offers the suitable applicant the challenging task of organising and *co-ordinating this work. The workshop is at a crucial and exciting stage of its* development and we are inviting applications from those with a proven ability to organise and manage, a knowledge of bookkeeping and experience of financial control, an ability to communicate, to work on their own initiative and with a management committee (to whom the Manager will be responsible), and an awareness of the realities of unemployment and its effects upon the young. Driving licence preferred.

We are an equal opportunities employer, funded by the GLC and LBL.

Salary scale SO1 (starting salary £9,477, plus Outer London and Lewisham Weighting): 35-hour week.

For further details, job description and application form, telephone Arthur Woodgate on 01-698 1484. Closing date: 10th June, 1985. Interviews will be held on Friday, 21st June, 1985.

Please note that a second post of Development Worker may soon become available, subject to EEC funding. Telephone for details.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE JUSTICE TEAM

I.T. CENTRE WORKER

(£8,004 p.a.-£10,716 p.a. inclusive of local conditions factors)

An experienced and qualified social worker / youth and community worker is required at our well established intensive I.T. Day Care Centre. The centre has been operational for four years and has proved successful in offering community based alternatives for young people with established offence histories.

A systems based approach is required with the ability to form relationships with difficult youngsters. The duties are wide ranging but have a focus on correctional work in a general social education context.

The Day Care programme is a key intervention in our overall management of juvenile offenders; the successful candidate will be expected to contribute to a wide range of issues involved in juvenile justice.

For further details, please contact Mr. S. O'Dea, Centre Leader, on 051-928 0107.

Application forms are available by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Director of Social Services, Sefton M.B.C. Burlington House, Crosby Road North, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 0PF, to whom applications are returnable within two weeks of the appearance of this advertisement.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE — CPRE

Council for the Protection of Rural England

is the country's leading independent rural conservation group (with 30,000 members). It is looking for a

SENIOR PLANNER/CAMPAIGNER

to fill one of the most challenging positions in planning today.

This post offers unique opportunities for helping influence environmental land use policies at local, national and EEC levels, at a time when such matters — and rural conservation particularly — are taking on growing political significance.

To fill this important post (currently, Assistant Director Policy) in CPRE's energetic national office in London, you will probably be under *40 and a qualified planner, with a solid background in local authority* planning. But you will also need acute national political antennae and a taste for lobbying and research. The work is unusually challenging and varied. It demands resourcefulness and adaptability.

Salary in the region of £12,000-£13,000 pa is negotiable, depending on age and experience.

Apply with cv and supporting letter, describing your suitability for the post, by 7th June, 1985, to: Assistant Director, CPRE, 4 Hobart Place, London SW1W 0HY.

HELP US TO

I.T. OFFICER — 3 POSTS

(£7,746-£10,107)

I.T. PROJECT — STIRLING AND ALLOA

HELP A CHILD

- This innovative project has been established by Aberlour Child Care Trust and Quarrier's Homes in co-operation with Central Region social W Department.
- The project will provide an intensive small group programme alternative to residential care for more persistently troublesome you and establish diversionary strategies for responding to other young p trouble.
- Applicants should have relevant experience, preferably professional qualification and have a desire to contribute to the deve of new initiatives within a stimulating working environment.
- Prospective candidates should write in the first instance to the Director, Aberlour Child Care Trust, 36 Park Terrace, Stirling FK8 2JR.

Informal inquiries to John Pease or Liz Denham on 0786/63331.

Closing date for applications: 7th June 1985.

Leicester Family Housing Association Ltd

HOUSING MANAGER

The Association has 500 tenancies located in the inner city areas of Leicester.

The Housing Manager will be expected to lead a team of six, dealing with applications, lettings and management.

Maintenance is the responsibility of a separate department.

Salary on scale £9,360-£11,364 (7 increments).

For further details and an application form please telephone **Leicester (0533) 549797.**

Closing date 31 May 1985.

L.F.H.A. is an equal opportunities employer.

GREEK ISLE/SUMMER COMMUNITY. Vacancies: SPORTS INSTRUCTORS with psychological "inner" approach for windsurfing, swimming, etc.; also COOK/KITCHEN CO-ORDINATORS 01-455 1211.

PENSIONERS LINK GREENWICH

OUTREACH GROUPS WORKER

To work with Pensioners Groups. Work with Asian and Afro-Caribbean Communities an advantage. Driver desirable. Salary £8,161 p.a., 35-hour week, 30 days holiday. Closing date: May 29, 1985.

Applications are welcome from people of all cultures, ages, sexuality and disability. Apply to Old Town Hall, Polytechnic Street, SE18. Tel. 01-854 8855.

Islington and Shoreditch Housing Association

Part-Time Assistant
(Circa £5,000 p.a.)

This long established Housing Association requires a mature Part-time Assistant to work two full days a week. Local housing management duties. This position would suit a mature person wishing to return to part-time housing work after a *period of absence.*

Letters of application, with full cv and two referees as soon as possible before May 24, to: Mr P. O'Rourke, Housing Manager, Islington and Shoreditch Housing Association, 9 St Mary's Path, Islington N1 2RU.

Public Appointments appear every Wednesday in THE GUARDIAN

Hillingdon Legal Recource Centre
requires

1. SOLICITOR OR BARRISTER
2. WELFARE RIGHTS WORKER

dealing mainly with casework and some community work.

For details contact: D. King, c/o H.L.R.C., 12 Harold Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 4QW

Closing date 27 May 1985.

GLC funded.

HOUSING Administrative Assistant

Housing Association Unit
Sc.4. £7,603-£8,577 *inclusive.*

The objective of the Unit is to assist and promote, by means of financial support and advice, housing associations working within the Borough.

You will be involved in: processing of application forms for financial assistance; communicating with other Council Departments, housing associations and the Department of the Environment; maintaining accurate records and regularly reviewing progress of schemes.

Applicants' skills should include numeracy, audio/typing and, preferably shorthand.

Application forms from London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (Personnel), Town Hall Extension, King Street, Hammersmith W6 9JU, telephone 01-274 0904 (24-hour answering service), quoting ref: HAHA.5. Closing date: 30th May, 1985.

Hammersmith & Fulham An Equal Opportunity Employer

GENERAL

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Following a number of promotions, applications are invited for these vacancies within a busy Management Services Division which is responsible for O & M, Work Study, Job Evaluation and Reviews concerned with the application of new technology.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES OFFICER
(REF. P.40)
SO1 — £10,725-£11,355

Applicants must have a DMS, or equivalent, and 1 year's post qualification experience or at least 5 years experience in Management Services.

Experience of conducting assignments as an individual Project Officer is necessary, as is the ability to communicate verbally with staff and management and assist in the presentation of reports to Committees and Senior Management.

Experience in two of the following — O & M, Work Study, Job Evaluation — would be an advantage, as would an awareness of the applications of new technology.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES ASSISTANT/ ASSISTANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES OFFICER
REF. P36/41/58)
SC 2/6 — £6,486-£10,362 (3 Posts)

Candidates must have the ability to summarise data, and produce basic statistical information, together with the ability to express ideas verbally and in writing. Experience in Management Services is desirable although applications are welcome from those without experience as there will be an opportunity for training in Management Services techniques.

ONE of these posts is for a temporary period until mid-October 1985 to provide cover for the present postholder who is "acting up" in another post. Interested applicants should specify Reference P.58.

MANAGEMENT CONTROLS ASSISTANT
REF. P.57)
SC 4 — £7,803-£8,577

This post involves the calculation of time targets and analysis of the value of work carried out by building operatives. Applicants should have one year's administrative experience, together with an ONC or BTEC National (e.g. in Business Studies, Public Administration etc.) or 3 year's experience which has included arithmetic calculations, use of percentages, decimals etc.

Application forms and job descriptions from the Director of Personnel, 257/258 Upper Street, London N1 1RW or telephone 24 hr. answering service on 01-226 8809. Closing date: May 31. 1985.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT
RE-ADVERTISEMENT

DO YOU WANT A CHALLENGING JOB IN A BUSY LOCAL AUTHORITY LEGAL OFFICE?

SENIOR LAW CLERK
(HOUSING AND PLANNING)
Salary from £10,725 (incl.)

The job involves legal work arising from

— COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACTION
— PLANNING (INCLUDING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT ACTION, HIGHWAY MATTERS AND ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS
— ACTION TO SECURE REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT OR CONTROL OF HOUSING

Applicants need either to have at least four years' experience of handling statutory notice work or to have passed Part I of the ILEX Exam. In addition, they should have substantial experience in one or more of these topics and will have handled work involved in preparation for, organisation of and attendances at court hearings or public local inquiries, including advising witnesses and briefing and giving assistance to the advocate.

We offer good working conditions, including a flexible hours scheme and interest-free season ticket loans. Interested? Then ask for an application form and further details by telephoning us on 01-226 1234 extension 3225 or by writing to the Borough Solicitor, Legal Department, Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD. Closing date: May 31, 1985.

RECREATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MANAGER
CROUCH HILL RECREATION COMPLEX
PO1 — £11,964-£12,810 p.a. incl.

There are 3 buildings which form the Complex, an Adventure Playground, a Recreation Centre with bar and a Community Centre. The postholder will both manage these facilities and have a Community Development brief for the area in consultation with the local Neighbourhood Office.

3 years' experience of managing either a Community Centre or a Recreation Centre is required, together with experience of supporting and giving active help to community groups in an inner-city multi-racial area. It is essential to be able to supervise a varied staff group, to draw up and control a budget, to run a public office and to organise events e.g. festivals.

The successful applicant will have the ability to function effectively both as a manager and as a community worker. An ability to encourage co-operation between user groups and to encourage collaborative work between these groups and various departments in the Council is required. A knowledge of the management and running of a bar and the ability to drive are desirable.

For application form and further information telephone 24 hour answering service on 01-607 2985. Closing date: Friday, May 31, 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER
(REF: SS40)
PO 1 (£11,964-£12,810 pa incl.)

Required to join the Social Work team at the Royal Northern Hospital, a small acute general hospital serving a racially mixed area.

Skills should include an ability to manage the team's workload, including the duty system, and to operate within the context of change.

Candidates should have either five years' experience of social work, or a relevant qualification with three years' experience, including supervision of students/students, work within a multi-disciplinary setting and knowledge of relevant legislation related to all client groups. An interest in the needs of the elderly and in multicultural dimensions of illness would be valuable.

For application forms for Social Services vacancies telephone our 24 hour answering service on 01-607 2041, quoting the appropriate reference number, or call at 5/6 Highbury Crescent, N5. Closing Date: May 31. 1985.

OUR JOBS ARE OPEN TO ALL RACES, BOTH SEXES, LESBIANS AND GAY MEN, AND WE HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PEOPLE.

"Islington Cares — Care for Islington"

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK
LEADERS RESEARCH ASSISTANT
£10,725 - £11,355 (SO1)

Southwark is a caring London Borough with acute problems. Although it features in tenth place on the governments list of areas of urban deprivation it is one of the areas singled out for the capping. Nevertheless, the Council remains firmly committed to improving the living and working conditions of the community.

Working directly for the Leader, the Research Assistant post has been recently created to provide advice and support on a broad range of matters and assist the Leader to effectively carry out the duties of his office. The duties of the post will include the preparation of briefing papers, examination of policy implications, organisation and administrative support of meetings, provision of support to other members of the Council and other related matters.

The person selected for this vital role will be expected to be sympathetic to the aims of the administration and have the ability to work with minimum supervision within a large and diverse organisation. A knowledge of the working of Local Government will be an advantage.

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons.

Telephone 01-701 2870 (24 hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard to,

The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DG.

Please quote reference G/1/5436 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms: June 6, 1985.

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AGENCY

ASSISTANT CO-ORDINATOR: CSV BRISTOL

To help support and develop the work of CSV Bristol which presently employs over 70 staff, working with local TV and radio stations, schools, the elderly, unemployed young people and in partnerships with voluntary and statutory bodies. Much of the funding comes through the MSC.

We need someone to take on critical steering and managerial role as the organisation undertakes rapid growth and diversifies its activities. Previous experience of management a great advantage plus imaginative committed work in the voluntary sector. Preference will be given to the unemployed, in particular to those who satisfy Community Programme Criteria.

Salary: SO 2 £10,404-£11,025 per annum. Closing date: May 29, 1985.

Details and application form from Janet Atfield, Co-ordinator, CSV Bristol, 15 Midland Road, Bristol BS2 0JT. Telephone (0272) 552968.

CROYDON HEALTH AUTHORITY
STATISTICS AND INFORMATION OFFICER
£6,573-£8,365 p.a. inc.

Croydon Health Authority (population 322,000) is currently undergoing a process of change and the need for improved management information has become vital.

You will be assisting the Information Systems Manager in providing information and statistical advice to Managers, reviewing, developing and monitoring information systems which play a critical role in the management and planning of services in a rapidly changing environment.

Applicants should preferably be of degree standard, have some experience in the NHS, Statistics, computing or information services. Applicants must be able to use and present information in a variety of formats, be good communicators and be capable of working on their own initiative.

To discuss the post further, please ring John Nicholas, Information Systems Manager, on 01-684 6999, ext. 2035.

Application forms and job description from District Personnel Department, General Hospital, London Road, Croydon. Tel. 01-684 6999, ext. 2055.

Closing date: May 29, 1985.

SOUTHWARK ENVIRONMENT TRUST
PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR
Salary: £10,725
Fixed-Term Appointment

This charitable organisation exists to undertake environemental activities in the London Borough of Southwark and to encourage all who live in the Borough to take an active part in achieving environmental improvements.

The appointment, which is for two years in the first instance, will enable the Trust to promote its own activities and give practical support to other organisations, groups and individuals. Close liaison with the local authority and other public and voluntary bodies will be involved.

The Co-ordinator's responsibilities will include: promoting the Trust's own projects; assisting local groups to formulate plans for projects; encouraging education in urban studies; acting as a focus for information and advice on sources of material or financial assistance and undertaking the Trust's general administration in association with the Trustees.

Experience of work on environmental developments and of liaison with local communities is desirable, and a relevant qualification would be an advantage.

For further details and an application form, please write to: The Secretary (attention Mrs Brackley), Southwark Environment Trust, c/o Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB or telephone 01-703 6311 ext. 2190. If you wish for an informal discussion of the post, please telephone the Chairman, Mr R. Clarke, on 01-833 3319, or the Vice-Chairman, Mr J. Bennett on 01-743 1272 during office hours.

The salary, which is on National Joint Council Scale, point 31, is inclusive of £1,248 London Weighting.

Applications will be welcomed from suitable candidates, regardless of age, sex, marital status, ethnic origin or disability and from applicants seconded from their present employer.

Applications should be returned to the Secretary by May 31, 1985.

THE SUFFOLK COLLEGE
of Higher and Further Education

Required for September 1, or as soon as possible thereafter.

LECTURER GRADE 2 in SOCIAL POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Applicants must be graduates in Social Policy and preferably hold a professional qualification of relevance in a Department providing courses in Education, Nursing, Social Work and Management.

Salary Scale: £7,548-£12,099

Further details and application form can be obtained from the Principal, Suffolk College, Rope Walk, Ipswich, to whom completed forms should be returned within ten days of this advertisement. Please send large sae and quote post number 4.33.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Babergh District Council
ECONOMICS PROMOTION ASSISTANT
Scale 4: £6,555-£7,329 per annum

Babergh District Council is persuing a range of interesting initiatives to encourage and promote the local economy and now wishes to appoint, initially for twelve months, someone with drive and energy to assist the economic Promotion Officer.

This is a challenging post which is likely to be particularly attractive to an ambitious young graduate wishing to pursue economic development in a local authority as a career.

Further information and application form are available from:

The Personnel Services Officer
Babergh District Council
Corks Lane
Hadleigh, Ipswich
Suffolk IP7 6SJ

Telephone 0473 822801, extension 116.

Closing date: June 3, 1985.

GREATER MANCHESTER COUNCIL
An Equal Opportunity Employer

COUNTY LEGAL

COMMUNITY RELATIONS POLICY UNIT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER — 3 POSTS — PO1 — £10,716/£11,562 p.a.

Greater Manchester Police Authority is firmly committed to a policy of policing by consent and to the creation of structures/initiatives which develop increased accountability of the police to local communities.

These new posts are an essential element to the further development of our work.

Reporting to the Community Relations Policy Co-ordinator, the Development Officers will work closely with the Community Liaison Panels in his/her area promoting their further development and role.

Applicants should ideally have experience of community work and policing issues in addition to a creative, positive approach coupled with the ability to deal with a range of highly sensitive issues.

Applicants should be car owners and hold a current driving licence. Travel within County area is required.

Application form and further details available from County Legal Staffing, County Hall, Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester. Telephone 061-247 3791. Closing date: May 31, 1985.

CAMDEN AND ISLINGTON FAMILY PRACTITIONER COMMITTEE

SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT — PLANNING AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Salary (Scale 4) £8,821 - £10,515 p.a. inclusive; new entrants to the NHS start at the minimum of the scale.

We need an enthusiastic administrator as a senior member of this newly formed department to help provide information about the range of primary health care and associated services in the committee's area. The post also involves assisting general medical practitioners in the development of their surgery premises, servicing the meetings of the FPC and the supervision of the work of a small team which administers the arrangements for dental and pharmaceutical contractors.

The successful candidate should have relevant administrative experience be able to liaise with health and other professionals and to progress planning projects.

Familiarity with computers would be an advantage and the possession of or willingness to study for, a suitable professional qualification would be desirable.

Informal inquiries to Gerry Davies, Assistant Administrator (Planning) extension 256.

Application form and job description available from the Unit Personnel Officer, Insurance House, Insurance Street, London WC1X 0JB. Telephone 01-278 2328 (24 hour answering service) will be held during the week commencing June 3, 1985. Closing date May 24, 1985.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.

The Wyrewide Association
ALTERNATIVE TO CARE AND CUSTODY

PROJECT MANAGER

Required to spearhead an alternative to care and custody initiative. This Project has been funded by the DHSS under Circular LAC 83/3 for a period of two years.

We are seeking to appoint a qualified person (CQSW), who must have experience of working with young offenders and the juvenile justice system, have administrative ability and the potential for the management and supervision of staff.

SALARY SCALE: £9,477-£10,107 (car may be provided).

For informal discussion phone: Keith Kinley, 0524 66246, or Mary Whyham, 03917 4360.

No application forms but job description available from: The Secretary, The Wyrewide Association, 9 The Esplanade, FLEETWOOD, Lancashire, FY7 6UW, where applications should also be sent.

NORTH DEVON ARCHAEOLOGY UNIT
The following staff are required to undertake excavation duties in Barnstaple, North Devon:

(1) SITE ASSISTANT Scale 3,£113 .

(2) EXCAVATORS, Scale 2, £100 p.w.

These posts are initially for a period of 10 weeks. Applicants must have at least one year's excavation experience.

CVs to: Personnel Officer with s.a.e. for further details:
Personnel Division
NDDC
Civic Centre, Barnstaple
Closing date: June 1, 1985.

NEEDED URGENTLY
YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 18 AND 25

Who could offer 4 to 6 months, starting summer or Autumn, to help physically disabled but otherwise able people, live in their own homes in Wandsworth. Free accommodation plus weekly allowance of £35.

Contact: Louise de Raeve, SHAD, Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, London SW11 5TF.

PROJECT ORGANISER
Salary:
Unqualified £4,889-£5,553 pa
Qualified: £6,357-£8,103 pa

An enthusiastic and creative person is needed to continue existing activities and develop new initiatives in the fields of education, culture and sports.

Previous experience of working in a multi-racial environment within a community setting, a commitment to working directly with Asian youth, a knowledge of Panjabi and qualifications in Youth and Community work are desirable.

Existing funding of the project is for a period of 4 years.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT WORKER
Salary: £6,730 pa

A person to support women's activities and develop new resources for Asian women and the under-fives, is required immediately to work in the Handsworth and surrounding areas of Birmingham.

This demanding position requires previous experience of similar work, a knowledge of Panjabi, a sympathetic attitude and enthusiasm for direct involvement.

Initial funding for the post is for a period of one year.

Closing date for completed applications for both posts May 24, 1985.

Apply in writing to:
The Chairman,
SIKH YOUTH SERVICES,
Rookery Road School,
Handsworth,
Birmingham B21.

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK
Social Services Department

PRINCIPAL LIAISON OFFICER
£11,964-£12,810 (PO1)

The Liaison Section is responsible for liaison with the Health Authorities and non-statutory sector, including support and grant aid to a variety of voluntary organisations. The Section also co-ordinates a community alarm scheme for the elderly.

The Principal Liaison Officer will be second in charge of the Section and will be required to take responsibility for specific areas of both Health Service and voluntary sector liaison work. The successful applicant will have experience of working with voluntary organisations, knowledge of Social Service and Health Services and the issues facing these authorities in an inner city area plus sound administrative skills and financial ability.

For further information, contact Maggie Pope, Departmental Liaison Officer, on 01-703 0864.

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcomed from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons. Tel 01-701 2870 (24 hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DG. Please quote reference G/1/5437 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed applications forms: June 4, 1985.

Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT
Strategy Section

INDUSTRIAL LIAISON OFFICER (Business Services Co-ordinator)
£13,326 to £14,358

Reporting directly to the Head of Strategy, you will be responsible for liaising with local firms, and promoting the District as a location for industry and commerce.

Duties will include advising people starting in business, contributing to the Council's Economic and Employment Policy and managing and co-ordinating the business support services provided by the Council which are being brought together as the "Calderdale Business and Innovation Centre."

You must be capable of creatively managing a complex service funded by a mixture of public and private sector sources and be able to create good links with local firms and industrial development agencies. Experience of liaison work between Local Government and the private sector is desirable.

Further details and an application form are available from:

The Personnel Officer
Town Hall
Halifax, West Yorkshire
Tel 0422 57257 ext 3066. Closing date May 30, 1985.

Newham District Health Authority
DISTRICT PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES
For People With Mental Handicap

PSYCHOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN
Full-time 12-month post

Required in a service for people with mental handicap. New residential facilities have been established for people who previously lived outside the Borough, and we are developing plans based on individual needs. The successful candidate would contribute to the establishment and evaluation of these plans, joining a small recently formed Psychology Service.

For an informal discussion please contact Peter Allen, Principal Psychologist, Albert Dock Hospital, Alnwick Road, E16. Tel: 01-476 2254 or 01-471 0248/6982.

Application form, job descriptions and further information from the Unit Personnel Officer, Plaistow Hospital, Samson Street, London E13. Tel: 01-472 7001 Ext. 1158.

CLOSING DATE: May 29, 1985.

HOUSING ADVISER

Threshold, a housing aid centre for people without children, requires a housing adviser in its Shepherds Bush Office. The work includes advice and assistance on a wide range of housing/welfare benefit problems affecting single people. The person appointed is likely to have experience in housing advisory / social / community work although introductory training will be given. Experience of working with black people in a multi-racial inner city area is essential.

Salary on AP Scale 6 from £9,780. Threshold is partly funded by the GLC.

Applications from:

Threshold
126 Uxbridge Road
London W12 8AA
01-749 2925.

Threshold is an equal opportunity employer.

Northamptonshire County Council
County Secretary's Department

ROMAN POTTERY RESEARCHER
ARCHAEOLOGY UNIT
Scale 4, £6,555-£7,329 per annum

Required from mid-June to be based in Northampton to prepare reports on material from various archaeological sites.

Details and application forms available from the Archaeology Unit, County Hall, Northampton NN1 1DN, telephone Northampton 256280. Closing date: May 31, 1985.

THE FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT ADVICE CENTRES, LONDON UNIT

needs a

PART-TIME TRAINING WORKER
(Job-share)

The London Unit provides support services to independent advice centres. The training workers are responsible for organising courses and developing training provision. The post holder will also service the training needs of a black workers group.

Knowledge of advice centres and an imaginative approach to training required. The post holder will not necessarily tutor courses.

We particularly encourage applications from people from black and ethnic minority backgrounds. (Section 38 (1) (B) of The Race Relations Act applies). F.I.A.C. is an equal opportunities employer.

Hours: 17½ - 21 hours per week. Salary: £9,780 - £11,355 (inc. L.W.) pro-rata. Closing date June 7.

Job description and application form from: F.I.A.C. London Unit, 13 Stockwell Road, London SW9 9AU. Tel.: 01-274 1839.

F.I.A.C. London Unit is funded by the G.L.C.

Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
£22,950 to £25,957 per annum

Lewisham and North Southwark is an inner London Health Authority with a revenue budget of £98 million per annum. We include Guy's and Lewisham Hospitals and we have an international reputation for delivering health care of the highest standard. Over the next ten years we are due to lose about 10% of our revenue budget in regional resource redistribution. We will need strong financial advice and leadership. We are now piloting a system of clinical budgeting designed to make the optimum use of our resources, and we are developing value for money and cost improvement programmes.

To ensure these exciting initiatives succeed, we need an experienced financial specialist to become a member of our newly established District Management Board. Candidates should be qualified accountants with a proven record in key areas such as budget management, computerised information systems and the management of change. Previous NHS experience is not essential.

Accountable to the District General Manager, the postholder will be responsible for advising the DGM, the District Health Authority, the District Management Board and the management units on the full range of financial and information issues. Financial services within the units will be provided by unit finance directors, responsible to the unit general managers but with professional accountability to the Director of Finance.

For an informal discussion, further details and an application form, please contact Kathy Doran in District Administration, Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority, Mary Sheridan House, St Thomas Street, London, SE1 9RT. Telephone: 01-407 7600, ext 3599.

Closing date for applications: June 7, 1985

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UNIT KINGSTON UPON THAMES
PRINCIPAL TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER
£12,546 - £13,983
SENIOR TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER
£11,061 - £11,682
SENIOR TECHNICIAN
£9,189 - £9,771

We are seeking to recruit a small team of people with highway design background to work on feasibility studies, in connection with the Kingston team. They will be concerned with procurement of highway schemes to the value of £8 million per annum towards the highway construction programme.

We are looking chiefly for a balanced team who together can progress schemes from the problem-identification stage, through public consultation to arrive at the preferred option. Highway design skills are of prime importance, and experience in the use of highway design and traffic modelling suites, and of COBA would be an advantage.

Applicants for the post of PRINCIPAL TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER should be Chartered Civil Engineers with at least 10 years' post-graduate experience in design, and with managerial ability. The SENIOR TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER should preferably be Chartered with at least five years' post-graduate experience, but consideration will be given to applicants with HNC/E HTC in civil engineering studies, and at least seven years' post-qualification experience. Candidates for the SENIOR TECHNICIAN post should hold a similar certificate, and have at least three years' experience.

Application forms and further details from Transportation Planning Unit (Ref. SB), County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. Tel.: 01-546 1050, ext. 3742. Closing date May 31, 1985.

ST STEPHEN'S HOSPITAL
Fulham Road, Chelsea SW10

TEAM SECRETARY
Social Services Department

Salary £5,981 — £7,009 inclusive plus Max £940 for appropriate certificates. Working closely with a tem of Social Workers and direct contact with clients. Good typing skills required and you will be operating a mini switchboard. The post is varied and busy.

Job description and application form from Sonia Richardson, Principal Social Worker, on 01-352 8161, Ext. 401. Closing date: Jun 5, 1985.

MENTAL HEALTH

Storm House School for Autistic Children
RESIDENTIAL HOUSEPARENT
REQUIRED

An exceptional person will find this post both rewarding and challenging. Whilst qualifications and related experience are useful, the right personality and attitude is far more important. A confident, flexible, resourceful and creative person is needed to contribute to a highly committed team, taking responsibility for a group of 4 autistic adolescents. The aim of this separate residential project is to develop independence, personality, confidence and integration within the local community, and to work from highly structured learning programmes in a non-institutional family type setting.

The success of this scheme relies upon the quality of the staff. Experience of autism is not essential, and salary is negotiable depending upon qualifications and experience.

Applications initially in writing with cae, giving full details of experience and reasons for applying to the Principal, Storm House School, 134 Barnsley Road, Wath-on-Dearne, Rotherham.

HOUSING

London Borough of Southwark
HOUSING DEPARTMENT

ESTATES OFFICERS
£8,772 to £9,510 (Scale 5) or
£9,788 to £10,362 (Scale 6) or
£10,725 to £11,355 (SO1)

Required to assume full management responsibility for approximately 650 tenancies.

The Borough is actively developing a wide range of progressive management policies and is looking for people who are seeking to make a career in Housing.

Applications are welcomed from suitably qualified persons or mature persons who believe that their practical experience will equip them to undertake the duties of the post.

Commencing salary dependent upon experience and/or qualification status.

Commencing salary dependent upon experience and/or qualification status.

Please quote reference G/6/5421 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms June 5. 1985.

DISTRICT HOUSING WELFARE OFFICERS
£8,772 to £9,510 (Scale 5)

The Housing Department is actively pursuing a wide range of comprehensive management policies, one of which includes positively strengthening housing welfare support to tenants.

The successful candidate will be responsible for providing a wide ranging housing welfare service and support to tenants relating to personal, social, financial and housing problems. There will be considerable liaison with statutory and voluntary bodies.

We are looking for a resilient and sympathetic person who can show initiative and competence in dealing with tenants problems.

An open minded attitude is essential. Previous experience in social/welfare, housing, community or voluntary work is required.

Please quote reference G/6/5430 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms. June 5. 1985.

SENIOR INTERVIEWER / VISITOR
£8,772 to £9,510 (Scale 5)

Are you experienced in helping people with a housing need on a personal level?

Do you possess tact and have a backaround knowledge of the housing field?

If the answer is yes, then you may be the person we are looking for.

Your duties will include giving advice and assistance to a team of Housing Interviewer / Visitors who provide an overall advice service to the public. You will also be responsible for interviewing, visiting and investigating all claims of homelessness under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977.

The successful applicants would need to be resilient, energetic, caring and committed, as well as being able to display a high degree of personal initiative.

Please quote reference G/6/5422 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms. June 5. 1985.

HOUSING WELFARE OFFICER
£8,772 to £9,510 (Scale 5)

Are you interested in homeless people and their welfare? We are looking for a sympathetic, understanding person, to join a small team in the Headquarters Welfare Section. Duties will include giving support and advice to homeless families and single people in temporary accommodation, liaising with Welfare Officers and Senior Interviewers at District Offices besides voluntary and statutory organisations.

If you wish to have an informal discussion or require further information about the post, please contact Sylvia Brims, Senior Housing Welfare Officer, on 01-639 5489.

Please quote reference G/6/5420 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms. June 5. 1985.

All salaries quoted are inclusive of £1,248 London Weighting

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons.

For the above posts, telephone 01-701 2870 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard, to, The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DG. Please quote relevant reference number and job title.

HOUSING

London Borough of Haringey
TEMPORARY HOUSING RENEWAL AREA TEAM LEADER
Grade PO3. Salary £12,966-£13,983

For 9-12 months from August. The office is at 80 Stroud Green Road N4 (near Finsbury Park). The area has a large ethnic minority population, particularly from the Irish and Afro-Caribbean communities.

The Housing Renewal area has recently been adopted, and will be at a critical stage in the planning of the private sector housing intervention programme in August.

You will supervise 4 caseworkers and two administrative officers in providing a range of private sector services. You will also be responsible for designing and monitoring the implementation of the Housing action programme in its early stages. Co-ordination of the contributions of other services (particularly the Environmental Health Service) and Housing Associations in the area is a central part of the job.

You will need supervisory skills, knowledge of private sector housing legislation and casework, and experience of working with several council departments.

For an informal discussion about the post, ring 01-265 3315 (Jane Barkwell — current post holder) or 01-340 5656 (Andrew Larkin — Area Housing Co-ordinator). Closing date June 7. 1985.

TRAVELLERS' HOUSING OFFICER
Scale SO1. Salary: £9,189-£10,764 (under review).

The Borough wishes to appoint its first Travellers' Housing Officer to take responsibility for all aspects of the residential provision for Travellers in Haringey and for local site management. The Housing Service currently has one small site operational with another currently being developed.

The provision of permanent sites is a new venture for the Borough and you will be the key officer in establishing the needs of Travellers and ensuring a high quality of provision of sites and their management.

The work will involve liaison with other Council Services and external agencies, in particular, the Haringey Travellers' Support Group. Previous experience of site management and housing advice is desirable. For an informal discussion and further details, please contact Frank Newell on 01-881 3000, extension 3507. Closing date May 31. 1985.

Application form and job description from Recruitment & Personnel Officer, 13-27 Station Road, Wood Green, London N22. Tel: 01-889 5815 (24-hour answering service)

HARINGEY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

PORTICO HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD
is a medium sized association, with a lively development programme and a vacancy has arisen in its North area team for an

AREA OFFICER

We seek to appoint an Officer to work in or near Greater Manchester. Preference will be given to applicants with first hand knowledge and practical experience of Housing Management, Maintenance and Development, with an accent on the latter discipline. The Association are an Equal Opportunities Employer and the person appointed will be directly responsible to the Area Manager.

Salary range: £6,420 - £8,820 and a car allowance will be paid.

Applications should be addressed to the Association Secretary at Lapwing Lane, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8WS. To arrive not later than May 31, 1985.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW
LETTINGS CO-ORDINATOR
Ref. H22.14
Salary: £9,189-£9,771 inc.

Harrow is an Outer London Borough where over 15% of heads of households are from ethnic minority groups. The Council's housing stock comprises only 12% of all dwellings and the demands placed on it from both waiting list and homeless applicants are severe. The Council has been allocated by Section 11 funding from the Home Office for a new post of Lettings Co-ordinator to help in monitoring and maintaining Harrow's policy of equal opportunity in relation to housing allocations.

The successful applicant will be expected to be the lead officer in the design and implementation of a computerised application and lettings system covering all categories of applicants and including full facilities for ethnic monitoring. Additionally, he or she will supervise a small group of Council officers dealing with lettings and void properties.

Applicants will need to demonstrate familiarity with computer systems and an ability to write succinct and comprehensive reports. Working experience of allocation schemes in the public or private sectors would be an advantage.

For an informal chat ring 01-863 5611 and speak to Jean Hedges on ext 2138 or Joyce Beagle on ext 2125.

Further information and application forms are available from the Administrative Officer, Housing Department, Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow, Middx. HA1 2XG (phone 01-863 5611 ext 2126).

Closing date May 28, 1985

HARROW IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

PRISON SERVICES/ PROBATION/POLICE

University of Bradford
RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS
(2 fixed-term posts)

CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Applications are invited for the above posts which are of two years' duration from November 1, 1985 on an ESRC-funded project "Crime, Community and the Inter-Agency Dimension." Research will be undertaken with the work of the police, probation and social services departments in relation to local needs and provision. One Assistant will be based in London, the other in Blackburn. The project will be directed by Mr J. Baldwin, University of Bradford, Mr H Bleas and Mr D Smith, University of Lancaster with the assistance of Mr J Friend, Lancaster Institute of Human Relations. In addition to sound academic qualifications applicants should have some working knowledge of the criminal justice system. Commencing salary in range £6,600-£7,980 pa (superannuable). Application forms and further particulars from the Deputy Secretary, (Ref. RA/ASS/7393), University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD7 1DP. Closing date May 31, 1985.

COMMUNITY WORK

COMMUNITY CARE MANAGER
FOR BOROUGH OF BARNET SOCIETY FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Salary up to £10,835 per annum inclusive according to qualifications and experience. It is a joint funded post.

This voluntary organiation requires an energetic person, preferably a qualified Social Worker with management and residential care experience, to be responsible for the further development of the Group Homes and Family Support services and to be indvolved in formulating policies. The ability to work with statutory and other organisations is essential. Good secretarial and other support is provided.

Applications, with details of qualifications and experience and the names and addresses of two referees, should be sent to:

BARNET MENCAP
28 Church End, Hendon, London NW4 4JX

Closing date: May 27, 1985.

Further information may be obtained from Doris Heasman on 01-959 2961 or 01-203 6688.

COMMUNITY WORKER FOR AFRICA TEAM

The B.R.C.'s Africa Team seeks a Community Worker for work with the African refugee community.

The worker will be required to develop links with refugee community groups, act as a resource on fund raising, training, etc, and generally facilitate the formation of groups.

Experience of working with African refugee community groups is important, as is an awareness of the ways ethnic minority groups are discriminated against in Britain.

The B.R.C. is committed to improving employment opportunities for refugees and ethnic minority groups and welcomes applications from members of these groups.

Salary £8,750 approx. (inc. London Weighting).

For a full job description and application form ring Hilda Harding 01-582 6922. Ext. 57.

Closing date May 30, 1985.

BRITISH REFUGEE COUNCIL

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
(Equal Opportunity Employer)

COMMUNITY PLAY/ARTS WORKERS (TWO POSTS)

£6,555 to £7,329 — to develop community responses to play, recreations and the arts within a neighbourhood area. Previous experience desirable. For informal discussions, please contact Mr S A. Tucker (tel. Dudley 55433, ext 4244).

FULL-TIME YOUTH WORKERS (THREE POSTS)

£6,357 to £8,103 (JNC 2) — to be appointed to Russells Hall, Stourbridge and Halesowen Youth Centres. Posts would suit newly qualified persons. For informal discussions please contact Mr R Whelan (tel. Dudley 55433, ext 4243).

YOUTH & COMMUNITY WORKER
(Community Education Development)

£8,646 to £10,830 — to promote community initiatives in areas of high unemployment (Quarry Bank and Cradley Heath). Applicants should be suitably qualified and experienced persons with the ability to relate to a variety of local community groups an essential quality. For informal discussions, please contact Mr S A Tucker (tel. Dudley 55433, ext. 4244).

Application forms / details (foolscap SAE) from Chief Education Officer, Youth and Community Section, 3 St James's Road, Dudley, West Midlands DY1 1JQ, stating clearly which vacancy interests you.

Closing date May 31

DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD
COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES ADVISER

We are looking for someone to take forward existing work as a senior member of our staff team. The Community Initiatives Adviser's post is open to lay men and women, of any denomination, regardless of ethnic origin. There is scope for a special interest in Unemployment, Poverty or Race and Community Relations. Salary around £8,500.

Full details and application form from Canon Paul Brett, Council for Social Responsibility, Guy Harlings, 53 New Street, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1NG. Closing date for applications Friday, June 7.

YOUTH & COMMUNITY WORKER
(JNC 31)

Qualified and/or experienced person required to work as a member of a team in neighbourhood "Drop in Centre." Ability to direct, supervise staff, and work informally with young people is essential.

Applications: S.A.E. only to Ruthboss Community Association, 176 High Park Street, Liverpool 8.

Closing date: May 31, 1985

This is a re-advertisement, previous applicants need not apply

More Public Appointments appear on page 25

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DIARY

CELIA Stubbs, girlfriend of the late Blair Peach, yesterday won a significant round in her lonely six-year battle to indict the Metropolitan police for killing Mr Peach when a High Court judge ordered the police to hand over to her the secret report *on the affair drawn up by* Commander Cass.

The report contains 200 witness statements, runs to more than 30,000 *words and* is said to name individual officers as being partly responsible for Mr Peach's death. Ms Stubbs's victory was immediately challenged by the police, who have leave to appeal. But she says brightly: "For the first time in six years the police are on the defensive. We've never been so close before."

LOCAL social security offices are all receiving letters informing them of the forthcoming exciting video presentation in which Mr Norman Fowler will present his exciting new SS proposals. The letters come from Ms Alice Perkins and Mrs Jack Straw, wife of the Shadow Environment Spokesman.

THE DHSS is trying out its new regulations for board and lodging payments for people in lodging houses, hostels and private homes. The draft forms ask claimants to agree to their categories—e.g. "4) People who are terminally ill." A number of local DHSS managers feel that, in all the circumstances, this could be more tactfully worded and have refused to use them. The Policy Unit is currently working on a re-wording.

MR KEN Russell's career as film director has had its more glorious moments. His next project, announced breathlessly in Cannes, is to collaborate with the old porno maestro himself, Mr Bob Guccione, on a film of Daniel Befoe's (sic) Moll Flanders. Bob is executive producer. Producer is Mr Harry Alan Towers, another man with something of a chequered film record behind him.

WEATHER permitting, a British flag should be flying on Rockall this weekend. This will upset Iceland, Denmark and Ireland, all of whom claim to own the little island 250 miles west of the Outer Hebrides.

The flag will be placed there by Mr Tom McClean, 41, who has three times crossed the Atlantic single-handed and who is now planning to row out there and stay for a month. His trip is sponsored by Milbury Homes, a south England firm of builders, but will not build a Milbury home on Rockall. He rightly says it would look idiotic. He plans instead to build a "survival shelter" — a strong box lashed to the rock, for which he has successfully obtained planning permission from Comhairle Nan Eilean, the local authority for the Western Isles. "People have been telling me for 30 years that I am mad," sighed the former SAS man as he set off.

MORE Sikh *rumblings over here. The London correspondents of the Hindustan Times both received calls yesterday from the "Sikh Liberation Front" — a hitherto unknown body — warning them that they would be firebombed if they continued to write critical stories about the Khalistan movement. "I don't want to take it seriously," said one of the reporters Mr R. Puri, "but I suppose that, in the current atmosphere, one should."*

THE distinguished congregation at the recent National Scout Service in St George's Chapel, Windsor, will have noticed two enormous felt-tip smudges in the printed order of service. Shine a light bulb through it and they will have seen the words "The papers say: Robert Maxwell has millions" neatly erased during the middle of a litany contrasting Christ's sayings with current events. The service was composed by three scouts. The Maxwell veto is thought to have come from the Chief Scout *himself*, Major-General Michael Walsh.

AN EXCITING development for shopping malls throughout the US — America's first shopping mall marriage. Darrick Tonini, 19, an electronics technician and 17-year-old Dee Stevenson, a waitress, have been selected from 46 applicants nationwide to tie the knot in their local shopping mall. It is all the brainwave of Mr Ed Smith, mall marketing manager at Ansonia, Connecticut, who thereby wins a national "Marketing Genius" award. Ed first announced a lucky couple on Valentine's Day, but they broke up. Great idea, Ed. How are *you going* to top it? "Maybe a divorce sale," quips the marketing genius.

Alan Rusbridger

Not so much a monolith Mr Gorbachev looks to Geneva where others would turn away. Russian soldiers, pictured by Denis Thorpe

Why the Kremlin is facing both ways

COMMENTARY
Martin Walker

IT HAPPENED to Denis Healey when he was in Moscow for the VE Day celebrations last week. It happened to the French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas when he was in Moscow the weekend that Chernenko died. It happened to the German Foreign Minister before him, *just as it happens to* Ambassadors, to Moscow-based correspondents, and to anyone else who has to live through *the slow, frustrating minuet* of great power relations.

"We want to be frank about this," the Russian says. We have a problem. We just don't know who to listen to in Washington. We don't know where the power is. Do we listen to Caspar Weinberger and Richard Perle when they say America is determined to have strategic superiority? Or do we listen to George Shultz and the reasonable men?"

"What do you think", the Russian presses on. "Is there such a thing as a single, coherent policy in Washington? And if there isn't — is there any serious point in our trying to negotiate?"

The Soviet frustration at trying to make sense of the American position is obvious. They say that they agreed to start the latest round of Geneva talks because they were finally convinced that Secretary of State George Shultz was the man who mattered.

They read his major policy speech to the Rand Institute, delivered last autumn, and they noted that the US Ambassador in Moscow personally delivered copies of it to Andrei Gromyko, and Gromyko himself recalled what Reagan had told him in person after the UN sessions last September — and they went to Geneva believing that Shultz's pragmatic policy represented Washington's real view.

But now, they are unsure that they backed the right horse. The Institute for North American studies run by Georgi Arbatov has noted that Reagan has started to lose some key Congressional votes, that he could not win funding for the Nicaraguan Contras and that he had to accept the cutting down of his defence budget. The first, hesitant quacks of a lame duck Presidency are carrying from the White House all *the way to Moscow.*

But the Russians feel that they cannot just sit back and wait out the two years or so *before the next Presidential* election campaign starts all over again. Until the star wars row began, they might *have been prepared to wait*, to negotiate a missile deployment here and armoured division there; to keep occupying *the chairs at Geneva and* Vienna and Stockholm. But two more years of star wars research, with 26 billion *dollars of federal funds spurring* it on, might just produce a fundamental shift in the balance of power. Moscow *can no longer afford to play* the waiting game.

This mood of urgency is having some curious effects *in the Soviet Union*, which likes to present itself as a sane and rational superpower which has a single state policy achieved by consensus and enforced by the absolute authority of democratic centralism. A policy, moreover, *which is unruffled by such* ripples as the replacement of the series of elderly invalids in the Kremlin with a thrusting new man.

When Andrei Gromyko nominated Gorbachev for the General Secretaryship at the Central Committee plenum in March, he stressed the continuity of party policy, and in his acceptance speech, Gorbachev vowed that "the strategic line worked out at the 26th Party Congress remains unchanged."

That continuity is now *showing signs of strain. On* April 23, at the most recent plenum, Mikhail Gorbachev just about wrote off the Geneva *talks as a failure.* "Washington's general refusal to discuss the limitation of the arms race in space . . . violates the accords reached in January," he said.

But then last week, in a *statement to French war* veterans, he said that he still placed great hope in the Geneva talks. And in his VE *Day speech at the Kremlin.* He went on further, talking in vague and almost roseate terms of "something much *greater than detente* — a reliable and all-embracing international security system."

Just as the Kremlin's *America-watchers suspect* that each twist and contradictory turn in the Reagan administration's statements *disguises a Machiavellian* cunning, so some western diplomats in Moscow have been reporting back that *these are all part of a deep-*laid Kremlin ploy to split Nato, and to win in the minds of Western European opinion what the Russians cannot wring from the negotiations at Geneva.

Maybe. But it is worth considering the complexity of the Kremlin's system of foreign policy formation, and wondering whether it is as monolithic as it looks. The first point to note here is that Gorbachev looks to be taking much more of a personal interest in foreign policy than any Soviet leader since Brezhnev. And he is interested in foreign policy generally, not just in the great East-West issues which tempted the personal interventions of Yuri Andropov and Konstantin Chernenko.

This is not to say that the grand old veteran of Soviet diplomacy, Andrei Gromyko, is being eclipsed. Far from it. Any Soviet leader who did not rely on Gromyko would be a fool—and Gorbachev is no fool. But the significant feature of Andrei Gromyko's career is that he has neither experience nor power base in the key body of Soviet power—the Central Committee. And the visible authority that Gromyko wielded during what was in effect the interregnum of Chernenko's time reflected the special circumstances of those brief months.

The classic interpretation of Soviet constitutional practice would say that Gromyko does not make foreign policy: he carries it out. His staff in the Foreign Ministry on Smolensk Square prepare the position papers, read the briefings produced by Georgi Arbatov's America-watchers, sound out diplomatic opinion and put up recommendations.

There are also the personal advisers that successive Soviet leaders have gathered around themselves. Then there are the military men, and the disputes between the separate *commands of the* strategic rocket forces and the Army and Navy have rocked the Kremlin past.

But across town on Staraya Ploshad is the Central Committee building with its own secretariat in the International Department who do much the same thing, but do so knowing that theirs are the recommendations that go up to the Politburo direct and thus make policy. The nearest parallel to this process the West has known in those early days of the Nixon Presidency when Henry Kissinger was National Security Adviser, and it was he and his staff who made the policy—and made messenger boys out of the professional diplomats at the State Department.

Indeed, the cool self-confidence of the Central Committee staff reminds old Washington hands of the equal assurance of those aides who knew they have the President's ear. What was so striking about the last 15 months in Moscow was the way that the Central Committee's assurance began to blur ever so slightly at the edges.

On occasion, echoes of the disputes and arguments that go into any policy-making process seep out from the inner circle of Soviet power. Gorbachev's tacking and reaching on the prospects from Geneva are one sign. His vague suggestion of a new multi-national summit at Helsinki this August was another. And so was the almost schizophrenic speech he gave on VE Day, hammering the Americans in one paragraph, *and offering something much* farther-reaching than detente in the next.

The point is that in any *modern state, different* groups within the bureaucracy are promoting, and risking their careers on, different lines of policy. There are people in Moscow — and not only military men — who said all along that there was no point in going to Geneva, that the Reagan Administration was in no mood to bring back the golden age of detente. It is in the nature of bureaucracies round the world that those groups are now saying "we told you so" — and recommending that Geneva be stalled, and the Soviet Union launch an all-out drive into its own star wars research, under the age-old principle of getting your retaliation in first.

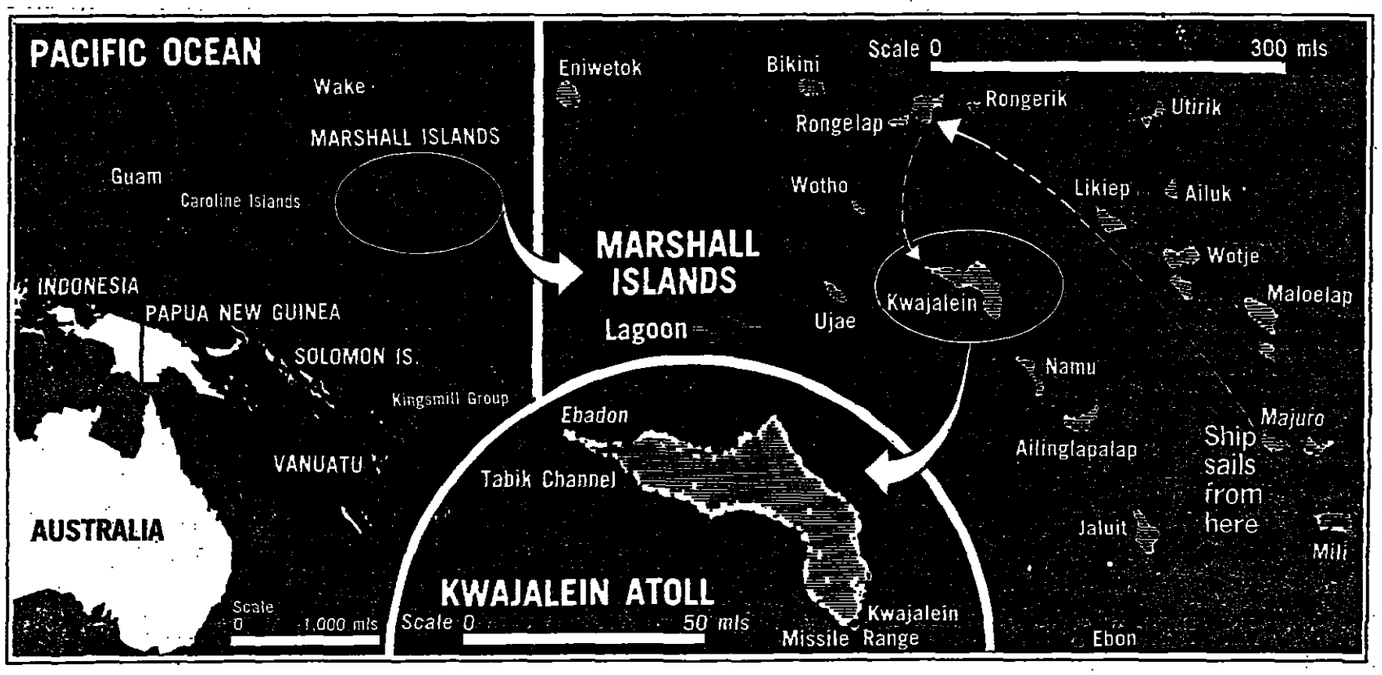
By contrast, the Geneva group in Moscow is saying that real gains have been achieved. Mitterrand's France has come out against star wars and even Mrs Thatcher's Foreign Secretary has voiced profound doubts. Most significant of all, they say that the Reagan Administration is under increasing pressure from Congress to trim defence spending.

These arguments over policy will be decided in the Politburo, a grouping which has the great advantage of not needing to tailor its policies to the needs of a general election every four or five years. But there are constraints on the Politburo. The over-rising concern of Mr Gorbachev, and the issue which brought him to power, is the crying need for domestic economic reform, to get the economy moving again.

To achieve this, he will need first to tailor the next Party Congress, the next Central Committee and the regional party organisations to his own tastes and policies. This will take him at least until next spring. He will probably also seek to ensure that any new surge of *star wars research and* defence spending does not distort the rest of the economy. After all, the Soviet economy began to slow down during the last great wave of defence spending on the new land and sea-based missile system in the 1970s.

Mr Gorbachev is a man under pressure. And the most menacing pressure is *that all his plans and hopes* for modernising the Soviet economy now look as if they are a hostage to the American plans for star wars. If the US goes ahead, the Soviets will have to follow — whatever price must be paid on domestic front. Mr Gorbachev the reformer will find that unforgivable: Mr Gorbachev the philosopher may shrug and accept that such is the fate of a superpower. But if Mr Gorbachev starts to believe those who suspect that this de-railing of Russia's reform plans is what the Pentagon plotted all along, then he could feel justified in turning very nasty.

So it is not just a question of who the Russians should be listening to in Washington, but also a problem of the people. Mr Gorbachev will choose to listen to in Moscow. And superpower politics being what they are, the one will depend largely upon the other.



PAUL BROWN reports from Majuro in the Marshall Islands on the Greenpeace exodus

The legacy of a snowstorm in paradise

THIRTY foot of clear water, and you can see the fish. This is Majuro atoll, capital of the Marshall Islands republic, part of the United Nations trust territory of the Pacific Islands — administered by the United States. Much of the territory is used for testing nuclear weapons and missiles.

Majuro atoll is a 32 mile horseshoe-shaped stretch of the islands, barely 300 yards wide and only three feet above sea level. They are linked by a single road that bridges the gape between them.

More than half the population of 12,000 is under 16, and everywhere there are children playing in the lagoon or in juddles left by the frequent downpours of tropical rain. The adults are more languid. Only seven degrees north of the Equator, with a temperature that never seems to drop below 70 even at night, humidity is at 98 per cent and strenuous exercise is difficult.

Yet *despite* the appearance of a kind of paradise, 30 per cent of the adults on the atoll are unemployed, and *there is even some malnutrition.* And outside the post office is a small notice which gives another and more serious *side to the picture* post-card view of a Pacific island — and explains why Greenpeace and Rainbow Warrior are taking such a keen interest in developments in the area.

The notice tells people to "listen" to their bodies — and goes on to list the signs of cancer. For the islanders on the atoll of Rongelap, a couple of hundred miles north of here, suffered from the effects of the hydrogen bomb tested on the neighbouring Bikini in 1954 — a thousand times more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb. Their sufferings have been a subject of concern throughout the Marshall Islands for more than 30 years.

American scientists come twice a year to Rongelap. They don't eat the choice lobsters, the turtles, the giant clams, the coconuts or the breadfruit offered to them by the islanders. They *bring their own food.* They do not explain this discourtesy. But when Brookhaven Laboratory scientists *did* eat *the food as an experiment* in 1966, they found the intake of strontium 90 over a seven day period was 20 times *higher than normal*, and caesium 137 was 60 times higher.

This kind of anecdotal evi*dence has led some* critics of the United States to suggest that the Americans are using the islanders as guinea pigs to discover the effects of longterm exposure to radiation.

The Americans, who took over from the Japanese at the end of the last war, began by blowing up and contaminating the atolls of Bikini and Enewetok. They evacuated the islanders to smaller atolls where some of them nearly died of starvation. But at Rongelap they left the people undisturbed when they exploded the bravo hydrogen bomb in *1954. Even though scientists* at the meteorological station warned the military that the people living on Rongelap were *down wind, the test* went ahead. The children — stunned at first by the blinding flash and the shock wave — later played in the "snow," three inches of fallout.

It was three days before they were evacuated, and by that time many of them had radiation burns. Since then 19 out of the 29 children under 10 at the time have developed thyroid nodules. Lekoj Anjain, barely a year old when contaminated, died as a teenager of leukaemia.

Brookhaven scientists allowed the people to return *three* years after the tests, claiming that the residual radiation was not harmful. But some of the people who went back to the islands, who had not been there at the time of the tests, have since developed radiation-linked *illnesses.*

It took a long time for the islanders to react politically. Their own trusting good nature is against them. They do not even have a word for "enemy" in Marshallese. But eventually they called on Jeton Anjain, *an educated* islander who had trained as the Marshalls' first dentist, to come home and represent *them. Appeals for help to* the American Congress were ignored and Jeton eventually asked Greenpeace to help to *evacuate the Rongelap* islanders.

Brookhaven has not published much of its research, and Japanese scientists who tried to carry out research of their own were ejected by the Americans because their visas were not in order. "We don't need scientists," say Jeton, "to see our children are sick. They have heart trouble, deafness, cataracts, and cancer. We never had those before."

"When we decide to leave the atoll, the old people will cry to leave their homeland. But I say, what about your grandchildren? Do you want them to die, just because they eat fish and coconuts?"

The United States is currently trying to put "a compact of free association" for the Marshall Islands through Congress. It is designed to allow some measure of independence for the islands, compensation for damage from nuclear blasts, and the *right of the United States* to continue to use the Kwajalein atoll — between Majuro and Rongelap — to test missiles. *Intercontinental* ballistic missiles are fired into the Kwajalein lagoon at 8,000 miles an hour from 3,000 *miles away in California.*

One controversial aspect of the "compact" is that the Marshallese will give up their rights to sue the United States for radiation damage to their health — or to that of future generations. A trust fund will be set up with the new Marshallese government empowered to settle claims using the interest from the trust. "What we are trying to do," says Michael Senko, the US liaison officer on the Marshalls, "is to get a just and equitable limit on our nuclear testing liability." He said that the "compact" would allow the United States to look after the defence interests of the Marshalls — and to continue to use the Kwajalein missile range.

DEREK BROWN reports from Amsterdam on the Pope's cool reception

Missing masses

JOHN PAUL II leaves the Netherlands this morning, having conspicuously failed *in his four day mission to* unite the church there. In retrospect, it was like wanting to build a railway tunnel *in a polder: a heroic but* hopeless ambition. But at least the Pope might have hoped the pontifical pomp, like the *magic of monarchy*, would decently conceal the deep divisions in Dutch Catholicism. After all, his 25 previous trips in less than seven years had always brought out the faithful or the simply curious in droves, to reflect glory on papal prestige.

What was so shocking here to Vatican sensibilities, was not the violence on the loony fringe, nor even the refusal of dissident Catholics to hold their tongues in the Pope's presence. It was rather the massive indifference of the population at large, especially the 5.6 million nominal Roman Catholics.

The tour started badly at Eindhoven Airport last Saturday when 100,000 were expected to greet the Pope on *his first foray to the low* countries. Only some 7,000 turned up and so it went on. The worst moment was when the Pope went to Utrecht Cathedral on Sunday, his arrival being witnessed by just 20 onlookers.

Interest perked up yesterday when around 50,000 people — approaching half the church's predictions — went to an open air mass outside Maastricht. But then the Pope was, so to speak, playing a home match in staunchly Catholic South Limburg province.

Vatican Radio said yesterday morning, in so many words, that it had all been got up in the press which had concentrated on violence and danger and so discouraged a high turnout. The fact is that the great majority of Dutch people regarded the visiet as at best an irrelevance, and at worst a provocation.

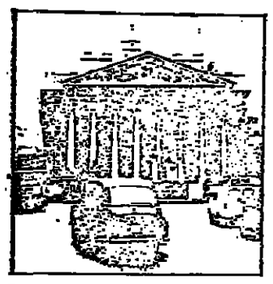
But the most vexed and provoked section was undoubtedly the liberal wing of the Church itself, frustrated almost beyond measure by the Vatican's efforts to roll back the sixties tide of reform. The liberals have no single organisation, nor yet a manifesto. Their causes are many: relaxation of papal strictures on contraception and abortion, a greater role for women in the church, more sympathy for homosexual and divorced Catholics, and for married priests. (In the past 20 years 2,500 men have resigned Holy Orders; *half the total Dutch* priesthood.)

Underpinning all such concerns is a quintessential *Dutch obsession with debate* as a virtue in itself. When the Liberals held their own rally last week, attracting 10,000 people, there were balloons bearing the message "Dear God, we want a Pope with big ears," and a host of speeches criticising the Pontiff not for his own views, but for refusing to listen to others.

At least from today he can reasonably expect to see the loyal face of Low Country Catholicism, when he flies to Luxembourg, and, on Thursday, to Belgium. Both countries have a solid, conservative tradition. The worst the Pope might face in the former is an expectation that he show off his formidable linguistic skills in Letzeburgish, the local tongue.

The Belgium itinerary has been arranged with scrupulous care so that the Pope *spends exactly the same* amount of time in Dutch-speaking Flanders as in Francophone Wallonia. This local imperative means however that he must break with tradition and forego kissing the tarmac at Zaventem national airport which lies in Flanders. Instead he will be whisked to a central Brussels park, where he can embrace impeccably bilingual soil.

If the American oil companies return to their wells, ours will surely follow



NOTEBOOK

Edited by Hamish McRae

THE OIL giants are returning to their origins. Hardly a day passes without news of some divestment of non-oil activities by the oil majors — a string of announcements which tells us something about the oil companies and even more about the market's perception of them.

At the moment it is mostly an American phenomenon. Yesterday's event was a statement by Texaco that it was planning to sell its non-oil side, valued at $300-400 million, in the near future. This follows Mobil's retreat from ownership of Montgomery Ward, a slightly down-market US department store chain, which has been a disaster ever since it bought it. It follows Atlantic Richfield's negotiations to sell its West Coast petrol stations to the Southland Corporation, owner of the string of Seven Eleven mini-stores. And it precedes the sell-off confidently expected by the market of Exxon's lacklustre office machine division.

Why? The sell-offs are partly a defensive move against Mr T. Boone Pickens Jr., who makes a living attacking the oil companies, forcing them to pare back to basics, but it would be absurd to blame (or praise) him alone. He is supported by two forces. The first is the poor performance of oil companies in areas outside oil.

Leave aside the US and look at our own BP, Shell, and yes, Burmah. All three have had miserable experiences in tankers. In the case of Burmah, this would have bust the company at the beginning of 1975 had it not sold its investment in BP to the Bank of England. BP and Shell have had enormous losses on chemicals. BP has managed, at very best, a poor performance on its ventures into mining. Some would put it more harshly.

The second force is investor preference. Institutional investors like their investments in neat sectors: oil, stores, engineering, banks and so on. In part this is just a current whim: they used to like conglomerates, but now only do so when there is a clear record of managerial success, or a clear industrial logic to them. But it means that any public company has to look to the perception of itself in sectoral terms.

And of course this is why we have had the hive-offs that we have already seen in the UK. What we have not seen here is the most extreme version of this phenomenon, where hive-offs are used as a prime defence

But seeing what is happening in the US suggests two propositions for the UK, for some US techniques are likely to spread across the Atlantic. One such practice is described in the next note.

The first proposition is that while the size of the UK oil giants for the moment insulates them from the pressures on their sisters in the US, you could see a set of circumstances a couple of years out where they become vulnerable, particularly after the British government unloads more of its shareholding in BP.

The second proposition is that private companies, which do not have to answer to the market, have an ability to take a longer-term view than similar companies with a quote. Put Heron, a private company, together with Burmah, and you start to get something rather exciting. That potential group could, in say three or four years' time, start to make the Seven Sisters of the oil game look still more flabby.

Travelling junk

ANOTHER US market technique may be coming to the UK, to rattle the Stock Exchange and speed up the shift from bank finance to raising money through the issue of securities. The big US investment bank Drexel Burnham Lambert wants to develop the British equivalent of the American "junk bond" market, which has become notorious in recent months because it has been used to finance some of the big greenmail bids by issuing high risk, high yield bonds to pay for them.

Bob Lloyd, one of the Drexel executives who will be developing the new market in London, doesn't like the greenmail association and says junk bonds are simply the debt of those 85 per cent of US companies which do not have top flight ratings from American credit rating agencies.

In London, where we do not have credit rating agencies, he says the equivalent would be companies of £100 million net worth and perhaps up to £500 million turnover which largely avoid the still sleepy corporate bond market.

This remains more the province of blue chip firms which would expect to pay a fairly small premium over the rate the government gets when it sells gilts. Junk bonds would yield a lot more, to compensate for the slightly higher risk of default, perhaps somewhere nearer the rate that a clearing bank would charge for an ordinary loan than the rate a blue chip would pay for a debenture.

Drexel chairman Mr Bob Linton said from New York: "We are talking about a possibility in the future of a debt underwriting for UK companies and creating a sterling bond market which doesn't exist any more, except for gilts and a few investment grade companies. The Bank of England would like to see a corporate debt market return." As a first step Drexel wants to get middle rank UK companies to issue dollar debt in the US junk bond market.

If a sterling market follows, it would be exactly the sort of development which would encourage banks to move even faster into the securities market. This is where their customers are going. Drexel is the junk bond leader in the US, so the idea has to be taken seriously as one more way in which the securities markets are moving away from the main stream of the Stock Exchange.

Two way signals

A FAIR amount of silliness is about at the moment over the excessive growth of UK money supply, in particular the linking of the present (admittedly nasty) surge in sterling M3 with the forthcoming bad retail price figures on Friday.

In fact the bad RPI figure will be a function of that plunge in sterling a couple of months back, now reversed, and the subsequent rise in mortgage rates. The RPI is a lagging indicator and should be treated as such. As for money supply, the relative strength of sterling is a helpful cross check on the other figures. If the pound had been weak we really should be worrying; as it is, one set of signals is pointing the right way, even if the other is pointing the wrong.

Run on second savings and loans bank leads to crisis of confidence

Maryland governor calls for federal help

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The Governor of Maryland, Mr Harry Hughes, yesterday called for federal help to stem the crisis of confidence spreading through the state's 102 state insured savings and loans associations. The move followed the development of a run on a second Maryland bank Merritt Commercial Savings which was the victim of a recent collapse in the government securities market.

The dramatic events in Maryland, following hard on the heels of the Ohio banking crisis,have provoked concerns that there may be similar problems in other states with their own savings insurance scheme. However, state insured systems in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and North Carolina—with billions of dollars of deposits among them—were reportedly calm yesterday.

This latest crisis, coupled with talk of a reduction of US interest rates, left the dollar nearly two cents down against the pound, which closed at $1.2727.

Officials at the Federal Home Loan Board yesterday described the situation in Maryland as "Very serious." The board has agreed to speed applications by those institutions which want to move under the protection of the federal umbrella. In the meantime the Federal Reserve has reportedly made some $50 million agailable to Old Court, the first of the Maryland institutions in trouble. It has also confirmed that its discount window is open

This effectively means that the federal authorities worried about a spread of the Maryland problem to the wider banking system and financial markets will allow troubled savings and loans, which perform broadly the same functions as Britain's building societies, to receive emergency loans from the Federal Reserve.

Similarly, the Federal Home Loan Board is sending in its own bank examiners to aid the Maryland officials currently going through the books of the state's savings and loans. Judging from initial findings at Old Court, the first of the firms to experience a run, the depositors were justified in having some concern.

According to court papers the owners of Old Court, Messrs Jeffrey Levitt and Allan Pearlstein, allegedly were responsible for a series of abuses at the institution including making large loans to themselves. Initial reports suggest that they had received around 20 unsecured loans from the bank worth some $5.8 million. Furthermore, Mr Levitt paid himself around $2 million last year, the sort of sum which a top executive at Citibank or Chase Manhattan might envy.

The second Maryland institution to find itself in difficulties is Merritt Commercial Savings and Loan which is currently building itself a new $38 billion headquarters in the centre of Baltimore. Merritt experienced a run on deposits after disclosures of its links to Bevill, Bresler Schulman Asset Management, the government securities broker which ran into trouble last month. The savingsand loan apparently had some $2.2 million or 15 per cent of its assets locked up in the broker.

Under its recent management Old Court grew from a minor institution with $143 million assets into a major financial force in Maryland with assets of $873 million over a period of less than three years. This was accomplished by switching from its traditional mortgage business to property and commercial lending in a manner reminiscent of Britain's secondary banking crisis of the 1970s.

With the continuing weakness in the American banking system and the disclosure that the Federal Reserve is keeping its doors open to emergency borrowers the belief on the financial markets yesterday was that US interest rates will be under pressure to drop. This, together with hopes that the budget will soon be cut, may have been among the factors behind the dollar's general weakness.

The dollar received little help from the rise in US retail sales which were much lower pected and it ended lower against most currencies in nervous trading, including a fall of 2.65 pfennigs against the German mark.

Sterling managed to rise against Continental currencies as well as the dollar, so the average value on the Bank of England's sterling index rose 0.4 to 79.2 per cent of its 1975 value. Bad money supply figures last week continued to prevent a fall in sterling interest rates despite the strength of the pound.

Names face Lloyd's rebuff

By Mary Brasier

LLOYD'S is likely to give a thumbs down to attempts to find an interim solution to the £62 million crisis facing "names" on the PCW syndicates.

A scheme whereby names could pay just £7 or £8 million of the total bill now to settle current claims is believed to have been dismissed by the market authorities as unacceptable.

The proposal was put forward by Mr Graham White, managing director of the Richard Beckett Underwriting Agency (RBUA), which now manages the names' affairs at a meeting with Lloyd's yesterday.

But Lloyd's chief executive, Mr Ian Davison, who was not at the meeting, appeared to reject the initiative. He said that Lloyd's names had to show they could pay the estimated bill for all future losses, not merely claims which had been reported.

"The question is what is the value now of all the risks they have to pay. Names have got to be good for a future stream of debts," he said. "They must show they are good today for the present value of future obligations."

The £62 million that RBUA has asked names to pay is calculated from the agency's estimate of likely claims from business written in 1982, even though the claims may take as long as 20 years to materialise.

Names who do not pay losses by the end of June will fail Lloyd's solvency deadline a month later and will be suspended from underwriting. Lloyd's can then meet claims from a combination of names' deposits lodged with them and withdrawals from the £167 million central fund.

The campaign, by a core of PCW names, to make the syndicates' managers and the ultimate owners Minet Holdings bear some responsibility for the losses continues, backed by a £1 million fighting fund. The names expect to announce what their next step will be in a couple of weeks. One name dismissed the efforts of RBUA yesterday by saying they were not asking for easy terms from Lloyd's or a hand-out.

Blueprint for Westland from Bristow

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

A two-pronged plan to reduce bank borrowings and expand sales at the Westland helicopter maker is being drawn up by Mr Alan Bristow to support his £89 million takeover bid for the struggling company.

Mr Bristow's strategy for the future of the business is expected to be outlined in the formal documents accompanying the offer by his company, Bristow Rotorcraft, which are due to be published in the next few days.

It is likely that Mr Bristow will empahsise the depressing outlook for Westland helicopter sales and how improved management and marketing could help secure the company's long-term future.

A key element of Bristow's blueprint for Westland is expected to be the urgent need to reduce the company's £60 million of bank borrowings, which in the past year absorbed £6.5 million of interest charges.

However, Bristow is not likely to suggest the sale or flotation of Westland's highly profitable associate, Normalair-Garrett, as the principal means of repaying debt. Westland's existing board is actively examining ways of floating the business separately to raise around £50 million.

In addition, Bristow is anxious to intensify the sales effort behind Westland's successful Sea King and Lynx helicopters and step up the company's marketing of spare parts and after-sales service.

Alan Bristow

While Mr Bristow is likely to be highly critical of Westland's past management, it is expected that he will have to extend invitations to several senior executives within the company if his bid succeeds.

However, the Bristow Rotorcraft offer document to Westland shareholders is not expected to shed much light on the future levels of the firms helicopter-making work force at Yeovil, Somerset.

In the City, Westland shares were yesterday changing hands at 148p, slightly below the 150p offer from Bristow.

Petrolex in last-minute change of partners

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

Petrolex, the small British exploration and produciton company which has already provided the City with a fair share of drama this year, came up with yet another surprise yesterday when it was announced that it had agreed to a merger with the Irish firm, Aran Energy.

The deal, which values Petrolex at £15.8 million was announced only hours before the closing deadliine for a previously agreed bid from Saxon Oil. Saxon had itself stepped in after two bids from Clyde Petroleum. Aran, which will have to raise IR£13.8 million by way of a rights issue to finance the purchase said it had received irrevocable undertakings from the holders of more than 50 per cent of Petrolex's shares.

Petrolex shares jumped 5p to 89p, but that is still almost 10p below the valuation which Aran's share offer puts on them. Aran's own shares fell back 4p to 39p.

The Irish firm, which made a small pre-tax profit of IR£270,000 last year, has a stake in the Kinsale Head gas field off the southern coast of Ireland, exploration interests offshore in the Celtic Sea, the North Sea and the Atlantic as well as onshore in Ireland. It also has trading and property interests.

Philips to shut Halifax factory

By Maggie Brown

Philips, the Dutch multinational, yesterday announced the closure of its washing machine and tumble dryer factory in Halifax, with the loss of 550 jobs.

It said the 13-year-old factory was too small to produce economically in today's highly competitive climate, and that the closure would be phased over the next 12 months. Philips would then supply the British market with products made in its Italian and West German plants.

The decision, on the cards for at least a year, comes only six weeks after the eventual rescue from receivership of the West Midlands washing machine maker, Servis. It is a further sign of the immense strains imposed by an estimated 30 per cent overcapacity within Europe's "white goods" industry. Philips is also having to match the economies of scale gained by the pan-European merger of Sweden's Electrolux and Italy's rescued Zanussi, giving it a 25 per cent European market share, compared to Philips estimated 13 per cent.

Philips' decision to close its only UK washing machine works has a strategic significance for Britain. It means that imported washing machines could gain a larger share of the UK market than home produced ones for the first time.

Philips has an estimated 6.5 per cent share of the British washing machine market, running at 1.6 million sales last year, and dominated by Hotpoint and Hoover. In 1984, 43 per cent were imported, that is now likely to touch 50 per cent.

Mr David Graham, national officer of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, the main union at the plant, said yesterday: "We deplore the decision. We will exert whatever pressure we can to make them change their minds."

● Sharp, the Japanese electronics group, is expanding its Wrexham factory to make microwave ovens, bringing 150 extra jobs to the area, rising to 190 during 1988. Sharp began making video recorders at the town earlier this year with a workforce of 630, and plans an output of 100,000 units by the end of this year.

Societies' intake too low for mortgage cut

By Margaret Dibben, Money Editor

Building societies have reported a disappointingly low intake during April, despite the high interest rates they are currently paying, and the outlook for the next few month is no better. Holiday spending withdrawals will leave societies hard-pressed to attract the money they need to meet home loan demand in the summer.

This rules out any hope of an early reduction in mortgage rates but the possibility of another rise is mainly avoided because of anticipated customer resistance.

The most serious competitor for building society funds is still the banks' high interest accounts. Although the April intake of £507 million was a reassuring recovery from March's minimal £214 million, it is still way below the £800 million a month needed to meet mortgage demand.

The shortage of money, said Mr Richard Weir, secretary general of the Building Societies' Association, "helps to explain the steady introduction of new savings accounts by many societies over the past few weeks." Rates to investors are unprecedentedly high at some societies now.

One way that building societies can make up the difference between inflow and demand is by eating into their reserves. The average liquidity ratio fell by 0.1 point in April teo 17.3 per cent which, seasonally adjusted, is the lowest level for 11 years. To avoid a serious lengthening of mortgage queues, they will have to reduce liquidity still further in the coming months.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Springer placing

FORTY-NINE per cent of the share capital of one of West Germany's most famous publishing groups, Axel Springer Verlag Publishing, is to be placed with private investors.

Deutsche Bank is handling the placing and plans to distribute the shares broadly among retail and corporate customers to avoid the formation of any single ownership block. Mr Axel Springer, founder of the group, and the Burda Verwaltungs Publishing Group, will retain control of the Springer company by keeping a 51 per cent share stake.

RETAIL sales grew by a little over 1 per cent last month to stand close to record levels. But while the volume of trade in the past three months has been 4 per cent higher than a year ago, the level has barely compared with the previous quarter.

PEEK HOLDING'S £26 million bid for Energy Services & Electronics has lapsed, unless a recount shows that Peek has won control after all. Acceptances of the offer totalled 18.4 million shares (48.99 per cent) and a further 150,000 shares were held by parties acting in concert.

GUINNESS is to invest £6 million in building Europe's most modern beer bottling and canning plant at Castlereagh in Belfast. The new plant will replace an existing Belfast factory

KUWAITI interests have trimmed their holding in Mr Tiny Rowland's Lonrho group by dispesing of one million shares.

Burton rules out bid for Debenhams

By Margareta Pagano, City Correspondent

More than £30 million was wiped off the market value of Debenhams yesterday when the Burton group ruled out any immediate plans to bid for it at current prices.

Debenhams' chairman, Mr Robert Thornton, recently said that, to be successful, any takeover bid for the stores group, which includes Harvey Nichols, would have to be of at least £600 million.

● Ralph Halpern

In response to persistent market rumours, Burton's chairman, Mr Ralph Halpern, confirmed that he had looked at Debenhams, and a number of other businesses. But, he said: "I can say with emphasis that Burton would not under present circumstances be a bidder for Debenhams at the sort of prices attributed to Mr Thornton. Indeed, we are not convinced that Debenhams is worth its present market value of around £450 million."

Debenhams' shares, which had been pushed to new peaks by dealers convinced of a takeover, immediately plunged back 28p to 300p, valuing the group at about £420 million. By the close they had recovered to 307p.

Mr Thornton revealed earlier this week that Debenhams had hatched a plan for a possible management buyout should a takeover bid eventually emerge for the group.

● The Government yesterday gave the go-ahead for Britain's largest retail merger between Associated Dairies, the Asda stores chain, and MFI, the furniture group.

Telegraph's £30m cash call runs into difficulty

By Maggie Brown

The Daily Telegraph's attempt to raise £30 million of fresh capital to help finance its future printing plans in the London Docklands and Manchester is meeting resistance from British institutional investors.

Raising the funds for the unquoted newspaper shares is understood to be proving more difficult than expected, according to sources close to the company, though it is strongly expected that the company will be able to raise the money.

The stumbling block is that outside investors are being offered only 40 per cent of the Daily and Sunday Telegraph newspaper group, leaving the proprietors, the Hartwell and Berry family, in majority control, for as long as they so choose.

Several major institutional shareholders are understood to have told Cazenoves, stockbrokers to the private placing, that the terms should be amended so that outside investors could move up to majority control should a series of performance targets not be reached within a given timespan. But this is known to be unacceptable to Lord Hartwell, the chairman, and his family.

One major institution, which considered the placing document yesterday afternoon, commented afterwards: "We have made no final decision, because we took the view the offer terms as they stand must be negotiable.

"Our worry is, what happens if things go wrong? The institutions will be stuck with 40 per cent, and no means of gaining control. What we would want is some sort of investment agreement, setting out benchmarks on agreed profit, performance, advertising rates, circulation, and manning level targets, which, if not met, would lead to a change in control.

Mr Anthony Forbes, senior partner in Cazenoves last nig said he had no comment to make. "I can't recall ever going out with a document that was negotiable," he added.

The equity funding is taking longer than was originally expected, and it is now clear that Cazenoves and merchant bankers N. M. Rothschild are finding it hard to attract large investors who are prepared to take stakes of £1 million upwards

Would-be shareholders are also worried about the scope for unlocking their investment. The placing document says that the directors "intend" a stock market listing in about five years.

The main protection for outside investors, argue the Daily Telegraph's advisers, lies in the appointment of two outside, highly experienced non-executive directors, Mr David Montagu, deputy chairman of J. Rothschild and an experienced banker-director, and Lord Rawlinson, the former Attorney-General.

IBM extends aid to five more UK universities

By Peter Large,

IBM is extending its £3 million programme of aid for computer education in Britain to five more universities.

Imperial College, London, was the second IBM Institute project to be launched. Now Bath, Birmingham, Exeter, Herriot-Watt, and Strathclyde Universities are being linked to Imperial College, increasing the number of undergraduates involved from 360 to more than 1,100. The equipment IBM is giving will be used in the teaching of process-control engineering.

Most big computer firms offer cut-price equipment to universities and schools, because the students who benefit become orientated to that company's equipment and methods. But IBM's scheme, announced a year ago, also offers wide support for univeristy courses, including the secondment of IBM staff.

The opening project by this IBM Institute was to establish a computer-aided engineering centre at Cambridge University

Farmers 'are confused by government silence'

By Rosemary Collins, Agriculture Correspondent

Farmers are confused about the role they are expected to play in the British and European economy, the chief executive of Velcourt, Britain's biggest farm management company claimed yesterday.

"The present Government, with its often stated dedication to promote and reward success, appears to some parts of the farming industry to be mysteriously silent and unresponsive to the success of agriculture," Mr Robin Malim said. "At the very least the industry deserves to know what its future role should be."

Mr Malim pointed out that in real terms, after excluding the effect of inflation, the annual cost to the Exchequer of supporting British agriculture dropped between 1964 and 1982 from £1.5 billion to £720 million.

Successive governments since 1947 had subsidised a restructuring of the farm industry so that the unit cost of agricultural production was lower today than ever before.

Insolvency bill attacked

By Rosemary Collins

A series of amendments to strengthen the insolvency bill, which began its committee stage in the Commons yesterday, has been circulated to MPs by the Consumers' Association.

The bill's definition of a "director" should be extended to include all those involved in managing a company whether formally named as directors or not. Directors who have been involved in two or more insolvent companies within a five-year period should be disqualified. As the bill stands a director might be disqualified if he was proved "unfit" or if his company was found guilty of "wrongful trading."

The association would also like to see the definition of "wrongful trading" strengthened in line with the Cork recommendations. The present wording of the bill "may make it virtually impossible to prove wrongful trading in all but the most extreme circumstances," the association believes.

It would also like to see the bill amended to make it obligatory for all a company's creditors to be kept informed about the state of a liquidated company's assets and liabilities during winding-up.

The Consumers' Association, which has campaigned for 20 years for insolvency reform, welcomes the present attempt at legislation but believes that without amendment it will not be fully effective.

Bankrupt UPI to meet Reuters

By Maggie Brown

THE FORMULA for a financial rescue of bankrupt United Press International, the US news agency, still looked extremely confused last night. The only thing all parties were united upon is that the situation is "extremely fluid"

UPI itself reported (quoting unidentified internal sources) that Reuter, the British international news and financial information group with coffers of cash, has scheduled a meeting for today with UPI's leading management, the president, Mr Ray Wechsler, and the chairman, Mr Luis Nogales. It is expected to propose a concrete purchase plan.

Reuter refused to comment beyond stressing that any decision would be taken with "Reuter's bottom line and UPI's contribution to its media services firmly in mind."

That hard-nosed approach could mean that Reuter's main interest lies in picking up only the portions of UPI it wants, to augment rather than duplicate its internationally spread business.

This would include its historically strong business with Latin America, where Reuter has but a poor showing, and North America; in its homeland. UPI services 800 newspapers and 3,500 radio and television stations compared with Reuter's 150.

This would also fit in with Reuter's recent flurry of acquisition activity all aimed at building up its North American financial services infrastructure. But it places a large questiin-mark over the relevance of the rest of UPI's operations.

UPI management, for its part, clearly fears that its British semi-rival will dismantle it, if its approach succeeds.

Mr Wechsler said yesterday that the aim was to keep UPI as a going concern and international news service. It was "aggressively" exploring other financial rescue possibilities: one of America's Top Fortune 500 companies is reported to be interested, with McGraw-Hill, the huge magazine group, tipped as the possible contender.

The final formula depends on striking a complicated number of agreements. Apart from UPI's management, there are the controlling shareholders, Mr Douglas Ruhe and Mr Williams Geissler, who would appear to want to sell UPI outright. A feud is developing between shareholders and management.

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John Hooper finds that excessive secrecy is hampering the work of CoCom

The West's ex-directory trade sentinel is so shy

THE RUE Boissy d'Anglas is a narrow street which runs off Paris's grandiosely proportioned Place de la Concorde. Dior and Lanvin have their boutiques at its lower end close to the square and the *Hotel Crillon*. Further up, beyond the Rue Faubourg de St Honore, it dissolves into the usual Parisian hotch-potch of patisseries, charcuteries and solemn, stylish grey buildings.

Somewhere along its length — though no one will say where — the Rue Boissy d'Anglas also houses one of the world's most secretive international organisations.

The Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls — CoCom for short — has the task of agreeing which high technology products cannot be sold by the "West" to the "East."

It consists of representatives from Japan and all the Nato countries except Spain and Iceland. The chairman is always an Italian. The members of the committee who, for the most part, are diplomats attached to their countries' *OECD* delegations, are backed up by technical experts and officials from the bodies responsible for preventing illicit exports — Customs and Excise services and, presumably, police forces and intelligence agencies as well. These officials have their own subsidiary enforcement committee.

CoCom began work in 1950 and is effectively in constant session. Yet officials whose duties bring them within its orbit take a perverse glee in insisting that it does not exist. In one sense they are right — no treaty has ever been drawn up to give the committee a legal status.

Not only that but, as I found out after several days of fruitless telephoning, neither the members of the committee itself, nor the officials who staff its dozen-strong secretariat are prepared to be interviewed. CoCom is not listed in the Paris telephone directory and, although it is known to be housed in an annexe of the US Embassy, none of the buildings in the Rue Bossy d'Anglas flies the US flag.

All this is distinctly odd in view of the fact that CoCom's activities are freely referred to by the governments of the countries which belongs to it. What is more, the secrecy surrounding it renders the organisation effectively defenceless, and right now CoCom is approaching a period in which it could do with all the help and understanding it can get.

CoCom's main task is to draw up lists of embargoed goods. The items on these lists, which are secret, are then incorporated into the registers which all Western governments keep — and publish — to let the business community know what they can and cannot sell to which countries. Two of the lists cover exclusively military items. But for industry, the most interesting — and controversial — is the third, which covers "dual use" products felt to be suitable for both civilian and military purposes.

The latest such "dual use" list was completed last July, but is only now coming into effect by way of the various national registers. America's was updated last December and the new entries took effect at the end of April. Britain's will be modified by means of an Export of Goods Order which, the Trade Minister, Mr Paul Channon told Parliament last month, will be published "on or about June 12" and take effect six weeks later.

The most striking aspect of CoCom's latest agreement is that, for the first time, it covers software as well as hardware. This considerably enlarges the number of businesses liable to have their exports curbed by government edict and is likely to boost the volume of the moans and grumbles which usually accompany the entry into force of CoCom's "dual-use" lists.

It also begs the question of whether CoCom — or any other body for that matter — is capable of enforcing a ban on something so intangible it can be fed down a telephone line.

Discontent with the way the CoCom goes about its business has been simmering for some time. At the end of last year, Mr Thomas Raftery, an Irish MEP, produced an opinion on high technology restrictions for the European Parliament's Committee on External Economic Relations which was highly critical of CoCom.

He pointed out that a number of non-communist countries with advanced technology industries such as Taiwan, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden and Austria did not belong to it.

Whether it was as a result of Mr Raftery's paper is impossible to say, but the months since its publication have seen what appears to be a determined attempt to meet these criticisms. Both Singapore and Spain have signalled their intention of preventing the export of goods on the CoCom list and according to sources close to CoCom, the Committee has agreed to abandon the old procedure of working from the top to the bottom of the "dual-use" list over a three-year period.

Instead, the sources say, the list has been split up into sections, each of which will be subject to revision on a shorter timetable.

Neither of these moves would however get rid of the political objections to CoCom. Apart from drawing up lists of embargoed products, the committee spends its time considering applications for exemption from individual manufacturers on grounds such as that the item in question has become available to the Soviet bloc through a non-CoCom state, that it can now be produced by the communists or that it can only be put to civilian use.

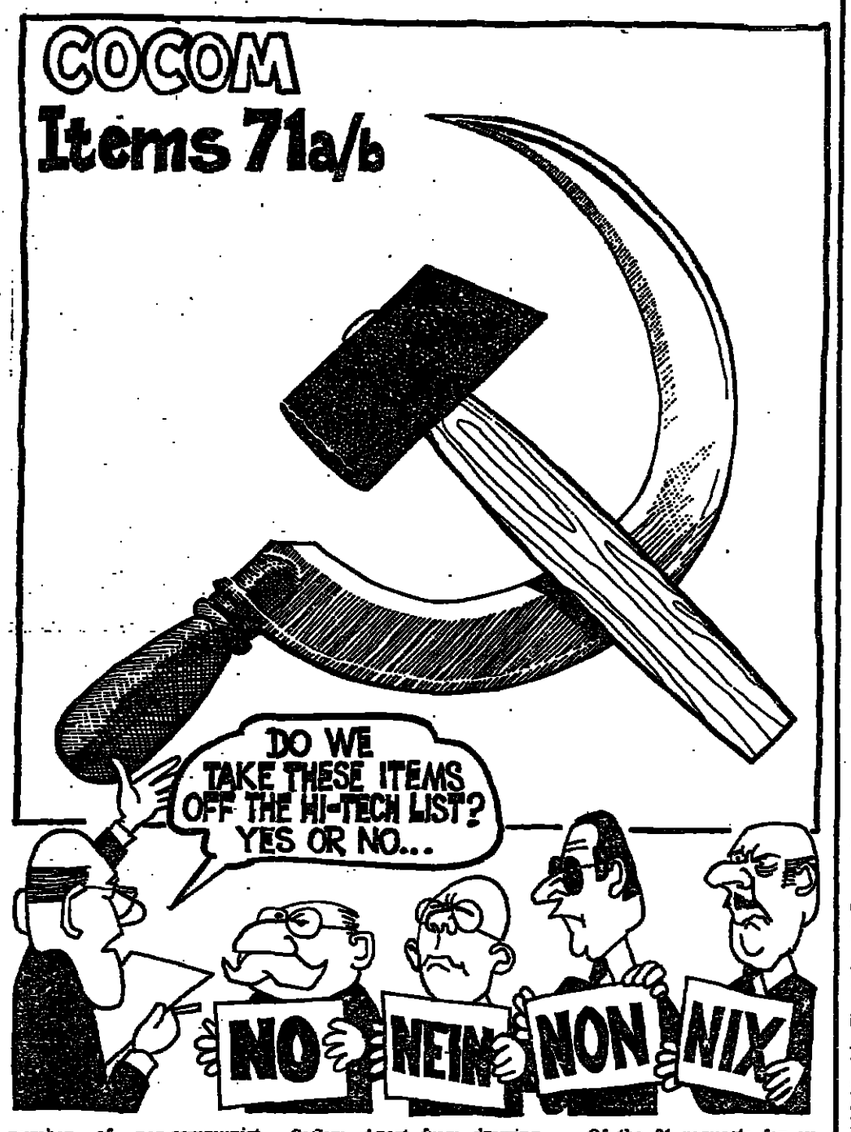
A study published last year by the International Institute for Strategic Studies estimated that between 3 and 5 per cent of all Western exports to the Soviet bloc were in the form of permitted sales of CoCom-embargoed goods. But before such sales are allowed to go ahead, they must have the approval of all the members of the committee. Any one nation's representative can impose a veto and it is in this area that the United States appears to wield an overbearing influence

Of the 31 requests for exemption vetoed by the committee in 1977, 30 were thrown out at the behest of the US representative.

This strongly suggests that some decisions are taken on diplomatic rather than military criteria. Indeed, the US has made it quite clear that the US representative's readiness to use his veto increases at times of East-West tension.

There is a growing feeling on this side of the Atlantic that a more suitable alternative arrangement would be to create two committees, one American and one European, which could then co-ordinate their activities.

This would have the advantage of allowing the Americans to pursue an anti-Soviet line, if they chose to, without prejudicing European trade. Political sources said yesterday that the idea is now under active consideration by the British government.



Balancing act that could lead to a heavy fall

Donald Fields on the Swedish economy's problems

AS RECENTLY as April 24 Mr Kjell-Olof Feldt, the gritty finance minister in Sweden's Social Democratic government, was declaring: "Sweden is on the right track. Our economic recovery has occurred quicker than we expected."

On Monday the Riksbank (Central Bank), announced it was increasing its discount rate from 9.5 per cent to 11.5 per cent in order to staunch an outflow of currency accompanying a current account deficit of unforeseen magnitude—Skr6 billion (£850 million) in the first four months of 1985.

As rates on mortgages were lifted to over 16 per cent and an instant 0.6 per cent rise in the cost of living was predicted, the official 3 per cent inflation target for the year looked decidedly chimercial. Four months before a knife-edged general election, the non socialist opposition party started scoffing.

Why did Mr Feldt, a man prepared to look reality in the face, read the tealeaves so abjectly? One factor may be that he and his advisers felt so euphoric about successes already achieved in reducing the chronic fiscal and external deficits they inherited from another government, in 1982, that they overlooked other indicators.

This week's retrenchment can only be gauged by first evaluating Mr Feldt's achievement in the wake of his first radical measure—a 16 per cent devaluation of the krona taken the day after he was installed.

In 1983 total exports grew by 10.5 per cent in volume; 1984, by 6.1 per cent. Respective percentage increases were 6.0 and 6.7 for industrial production, and 2.5 and 3.0 for gross domestic product. Partly by artificial means, unemployment has been pegged at around 3 per cent.

The central government deficit, 13 per cent of GDP in fiscal 1982-3, should be down to 7 per cent in 1985-6, with 2 per cent annual cuts in real public expenditure scheduled to eradicate it entirely by 1990. The balance of payment, Skr23 billion (£2.2 billion) in the red, in 1982, was Skr1 billion (£97 million) in the black last year. Servicing net external indebtedness covering around 30 per cent GNP, has become less formidable, thanks partly to the fall in the dollar in which around half Sweden's liabilities are denominated.

Organised labour, epitomised by the Social Democrat-dominated L. O. trade union confederation, has grudgingly blessed the Feldt balancing act, including as it does an investment-boosting swelling of company profits.

Outlining his revised budget last month, the finance minister promised workers their first real wage increase for years spiced with a one-off tax concession.

With his three-year mandate, widely considered too short, Mr Feldt appeared to have proved that dire straits can be remedied by drastic means. Even the union controlled wage-earner funds, launched last year, appeared less a thorn in his side as opinion polls started swinging back towards the Social Democrats.

Many of the million Swedish voters who had not made up their minds at the last poll may have done so since Monday—and it will hardly be in the Government's favour. Along with the bank rate change are various credit restrictions designed to dampen a sudden consumer spree.

Adamantly, Mr Feldt insists that Sweden remains on course, with the monetary measures amounting to an adjustment of the rudder. He stresses that the latest move is aimed only against the *more sumptuous side of the* Swedish lifestyle.

Above all, there was last year's failure to curb inflation, which ran at 8.1 per cent against the 4 per cent official objective.

This year started with industrialists warning that two *thirds of the competitive* edge gained by devaluation had been eaten away, and forecasting that it would vanish entirely by the end of the year. This month the influential business weekly Veckans Affärer wrote that Sweden was already preparing for its next major devaluation.

In January the Riksbank raised its money market rates by two points, but this had little effect on capital movements. By this week Skr11 billion (£1.1 billion) had been drained out of the country over a six-month *period. One key factor was* an exceptionally hard winter that boosted energy imports, hampered export deliveries and mocked trade predictions.

Though some economists believed the distortion would be quickly ironed out others feared the balance of payments could plunge towards a Skr20 billion (£1.9 billion) deficit in 1985. Mr Feldt's figure is Skr3.1 billion (£300 million) and the PK Bank, a state-run commercial bank, to take one other example, has just plumped for Skr4 billion £390 million).

Thrashing around for means to meet his inflation target, Mr Feldt introduced a general price freeze in March, officially in force until companies guarantee "not to raise their prices above what is justified by actual cost increases." Things looked distinctly stop-go because another price freeze had been abandoned last year.

Bullish news for insiders

THE INTERNAL stock exchange run by CMB, a computer services group owned by its staff, is ultra-bullish this year.

Today CMB reports record pre-tax profits for 1984 of £2.19 million — a 62 per cent rise. Turnover, at £27.68 *million, was up by 14 per* cent. The net dividend to shareholders is 4.3p on 13.2 million shares.

Mr Ron White, the managing director, said yesterday that on the internal stock exchange the 5p shares were changing hands at £1.25. The *group sets a fixed price for* one annual day of official dealings. Had it not been for a bonus issue five months ago of 16 new shares for *each share held, the shares* would have traded this year at £21.25.

There were 587 shareholders last year, but Mr White expects the total to pass 750 this year. The total staff is about 850, 500 in the UK, the rest in Dutch and German *subsidiaries.*

The company was started in London 21 years ago next August, and one of the founders, Mr Doug Gorman, is still a full-time director. He owns 27 per cent of the stock, but everyone else is restricted to a 5 per cent holding.

Mr White, who has been with CMG for 18 years, said that turnover last year split 60-40 between Britain and *the Continent. This repre*sents a slight shift to UK business.

CMG is not a cooperative. There are elected staff committees, but Mr White said these were for "opinion gathering and information passing." Decisions are taken *through an orthodox board* structure.

But everyone shares the same open-plan working conditions. There are no private offices — and no reserve car-park slots. The group is also decentralised. Mr Tudor Francis, the personnel director, said the 20 subsidiary companies enjoyed as much autonomy as possible

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Abridged summary of Results for the Year ended 31st March, 1985

	31.3.85 £'m	31.3.84 £'m	Increase %
Total income	148.4	137.7	7.8
made up of			
Rental income	132.1	116.1	
Service charges and other recoveries	12.2	12.6	
Income from short term deposits	4.1	9.0	
Net rents and interest receivable	114.9	103.7	10.8
Income on ordinary activities before taxation	95.6	84.0	13.8
Taxation	36.6	33.3	
Income available for distribution	59.0	50.7	16.4
Dividends per share paid (2.6p) and proposed (5.55p); 1984: 7.267p	41.0	36.0	
Earnings per share	11.72p	10.23p	14.6
Dividend cover – times	1.44	1.41	

The Knight Frank & Rutley valuation of the portfolio as at 31st March, 1985, in which each property was valued individually and in its present state, totalled £2,335.7m, an increase of £147.3m over the valuation at the previous year end. Taking into account expenditure on properties, £69.4m, and the aggregate book value of properties sold, £24.9m, during the period, the surplus on revaluation was £102.8m, an increase of 4.6% (1984: 6.6%).

Having included the valuation in the Accounts at 31st March, 1985 and without adjusting for any taxation payable in the event of properties being sold, the Consolidated net assets of the Group at that date amounted to £2,016.5m, on which basis the net asset value per share is 401p.

In last year's Directors' Report reference was made to the fact that over 1 million sq. ft. of air-conditioned office space in the City, West End and Victoria was in the process of being redeveloped or refurbished. By the end of March 1985, 912,000 sq. ft. of this space had been completed or virtually completed, of which 852,000 sq. ft. had been let or the terms for letting agreed and 60,000 sq. ft. completed and not let. The balance, 156,000 sq. ft., is not due for completion until later this year or next year.

At 31st March, 1985 Group short term funds amounted to £25.1m and agreed realisations of property, for which contracts had not yet been exchanged, aggregated £9.4m. At that date capital commitments, including expenditure phased over periods of up to two years to complete developments, totalled £46.1m. The bank facilities available to the Group have been increased to £50m.

The full Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the year containing an unqualified Report by the Auditors, a detailed property portfolio review and a list of the Group's major property holdings are due to be distributed to Shareholders on 30th May, 1985. Non-shareholders who would like a copy are requested to write to The Secretary:–

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The great leveller has the wrong answers for us

Bryan Gould MP says membership of the EMS would have no advantages

ECONOMICS AGENDA

THE CASE for joining the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System has, in the past, been argued largely on political grounds. Over recent months, however, there has been a significant change. There are now those—including the Governor of the Bank of England, the CBI and Lloyd's—who profess to see some economic advantage in such a move.

The pound's gyrations against the dollar no doubt have something to do with this sentiment. Yet, as the Prime Minister pointed out recently in the House, full membership of the EMS would have made only the most marginal difference to what has essentially been a dollar problem.

European currencies, including the mark, have proved vulnerable to the dollar's headstrong course, whether in or out of the exchange rate mechanism. For sterling, EMS membership would actually mean a reduced ability to maintain a particular parity against the dollar.

Nor is there any evidence that exchange rate stability of itself would necessarily be of great help to our economy. It is relatively easy to hedge against short-term volatility; and it is arguable that, in the long term, a variable exchange rate is the most efficient and least disruptive means of absorbing and reflecting economic changes.

Indeed, the most recent Bank of England study on this subject concluded that British industry was unusually impervious to exchange rate variations. This is possibly because we have lived with declining price competitiveness for so long that those parts of our economy which are still able to compete internationally are those which are not particularly price sensitive.

It is sometimes suggested that EMS membership would mean lower interest rates, since the EMS arrangements would take up some of the burden of supporting a given parity; but since the EMS would no doubt peg the exchange rate at a higher level, more support would be needed and higher interest rates would have to play their part. It is also worth remarking that French and Italian participation has depended substantially on their use of exchange controls.

In any case, pegging the pound against the mark in the EMS is the last thing we need. We are already 50 per cent less price competitive in real terms against the Germans than we were in 1976, when we undertook to the IMF to maintain the level of competitiveness than obtaining. We have no hope of resolving our economic problems and reversing the £6 billion deficit with the Germans in our trade in manufactured goods if, through joining the EMS, we make it impossible to claw back some of that lost competitiveness.

It is surprising, in these circumstances, that the CBI should emerge as an advocate of EMS membership. It was, after all, the CBI which warned in 1978 of the damaging effects of sterling's then over-valuation.

There are those who say that, if joining the EMS is right in principle, the particular parity would not matter too much, since the economy would adjust to any over-valuation over a three or four-year period. This is surely, however, to understate the long-term, cumulative and self-reinforcing damage which over-valuation causes — something of which we have such painful recent experience.

Even if we could engineer our entry at a competitive rate against the mark, fundamental problems would remain. The EMS has worked relatively well as long as the participating governments agree on giving priority to the battle against inflation. This is because it has in effect operated as a D-mark zone, enjoining upon all its members the restrictive disciplines of German monetary policy and setting targets which can be met irrespective of what is happening to the real economies of member states.

If, however, European governments or their successors should turn their attention to unemployment, as we must hope they will, it is unlikely that the EMS could be sustained so easily. A successful attack on unemployment, through the sort of expansionary policy which a Labour government, for example, would wish to pursue, could be maintained only by breaking free of the very restrictions which the EMS is meant to entrench.

Whereas EEC inflation targets can be co-ordinated even if real economies are diverging, the same is not true of unemployment. A co-ordinated EEC attack on unemployment would require the convergence of real economies — something which the EMS, with its in-built bias towards restriction and its emphasis on monetary and exchange rate targets, makes more difficult.

Indeed, the alignment of exchange rates and, therefore, of the monetary policies needed to maintain them reinforces the pattern of divergence; prohibited from improving competitiveness either directly, through the exchange rate, or indirectly, through expansion, weaker economies have no chance of closing the competitiveness gap.

Perhaps the most telling argument against joining the EMS is, however, a purely logical one. EMS membership can only mean disadvantages, since any advantage to be gained could be obtained by following its disciplines voluntarily, as non-members.

Why should be lock ourselves into an excessively tight monetary policy and an over-valued exchange rate when, as the present Government has demonstrated, we can do that ourselves anyway? At least, by staying outside, we can keep open the option of an expansionary economic policy and a genuine attack on unemployment.

Bryan Gould is Labour MP for Dagenham.

Khashoggi and the Duchess of Kent are losers—but Lloyd's chairman Peter Miller is adamant

Names might face the music, but Lloyd's must face the future

Mary Brasier looks at the impact of the PCW insurance scandals

They used to ring the Lutine bell regularly to signal disaster at Lloyd's. That custom rarely happens now although of course the disasters have continued. It is not shipwrecks that make underwriters jump today; it is pollution, asbestos and satellites in wrong orbits. And internal catastrophes. The PCW affair really makes the modern alarm bells ring.

Names who have suffered PCW losses include the rich and famous from Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi arms dealer, to the Duchess of Kent. But they also number ordinary individuals who joined Lloyd's because they had some spare money.

It is not just that 1,500 names owe a collective debt of £60 million this year, that individually they face bills of £500,000 and bankruptcy in a few cases. It heralds a crisis for the whole market in three separate and possible ways.

PCW is the biggest loss in Lloyd's history — it could run to £130 million and more. It is bound to dent the enthusiasm wealthy individuals have for joining a market where they have unlimited liability — down to their last proverbial golden cufflink.

The figures until now have not borne this out because membership has risen inexorably to a record new entry last year of 2,900. And of course PCW is but one, if notorious, set of syndicates where everything has happened from malpractice to incompetence to no doubt a sprinkling of bad luck. There are plenty of syndicates in the market still making profits.

But the collapse of the PCW syndicates plus attendant publicity is likely to focus potential names' minds more than ever before on what can happen if you pledge limitless wealth to the skills of one underwriter.

Many of the PCW names are also on other syndicates where they may have made profits. The profits are unlikely to offset their PCW losses. There will still be a large cheque to write.

Their plight will also focus attention on the treatment Lloyd's itself is pepared to hand out to stricken names. Lloyd's chairman Peter Miller's response to the crisis was to repeat quite firmly that it was not the council's role to get names off the hook. They are, he insisted, liable for their own losses. Lloyd's can dish out tea, sympathy, administrative help and extend the deadline by which they must meet their debts but that is all.

It is not a strategy that is likely to be one of Lloyd's best advertisements. Names are the capital base on which Lloyd's depends, but many complain that their importance to the market is not recognised in the way they are treated when something goes wrong. The world's image of a Lloyd's name this week is that of a middle-aged, middle-class man or woman turning up at the Royal Festival Hall to hear how they have been financially ruined. Yet Lloyd's stance is that it cannot help them, just as it could not help them last year when £38 million of their money was diverted abroad.

But the fact is that many names join the market initially to become members of Lloyd's not because they want a share on a particular person's syndicate. The good name of Lloyd's among its investors is at risk because of disasters like PCW.

What then of Lloyd's good name among its policy holders? As things stand a Lloyd's policy is a by-word for British excellence. It has the kind of supremacy in its field that Rolls-Royce and Doulton china represent. Its reputation reflects the fact that claims are always met — and that Lloyd's itself is not going to go bust.

The spectacle of several hundred names refusing to pay losses cannot help that reputation but the damage is probably containable. It may be less easy to manage a few years hence.

Finally Lloyd's central fund, the ultimate guarantee that policyholders will get paid is under attack from the PCW crisis. The fund currently stands at £167 million of liquid resources which can be called upon quickly to pay out claims. It cannot be used to fund names losses but if they refuse to pay, funds can be earmarked against the central fund leaving Lloyd's to pursue the name — through the courts if necessary — to recover the money.

A mass default by PCW names is not going to make much more than a dent by itself in the central fund. Potential losses are £130 million and Lloyd's can call on names' deposits and reserves before it has to even bite into the fund to pay.

Chief executive Mr Ian Davison said yesterday that there was no reason for concern over the central fund. But there is a potential problem two or three years down the line. PCW names have been warned of at least £17 million of losses still to come for 1983 and 1984. Losses are still not finalised on syndicate 895 where members like Mark Cox and Virginia Wade have already been warned of a £20 million deficit.

The fall-out from absbestos and so on could add to Lloyd's overall losses at least in the short turn. If there is a mass rebellion by PCW names, many of whom feel they have nothing to lose by being suspended from underwriting for non-payment, the central fund will be badly depleted to deal with future losses.

Lloyd's ultimate financial position is not of course in jeopardy. Behind the central fund stands £145 million of the corporation's net assets. But the spectre of Lloyd's trying to sell and leaseback its new building would make this week's Festival Hall meeting look like a tea party.

General Accident

THREE-MONTHS' RESULTS

The results for the three months ended 31st March 1985, estimated and subject to audit, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1984, which are restated at 31st December 1984 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1984.

It must be emphasised that the results for an interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	3 Months to 31.3.85 Estimate £ millions	3 Months to 31.3.84 Estimate £ millions	1984 Year Actual £ millions
Net written premiums — General Business	438.4	411.8	1,689.0
Investment Income	64.9	62.8	266.2
Underwriting Result — General Business	(84.6)	(80.3)	(268.3)
Long Term Insurance Profits	2.2	1.4	7.7
	(17.5)	(16.1)	5.6
Loan Interest	0.5	0.4	1.7
Profit (Loss) before Tax and Minority Interests	(18.0)	(16.5)	3.9
Taxation	(9.4)	(7.8)	(8.1)
Minority Interests and Preference Dividend	0.7	0.3	2.2
Net Profit (Loss) attributable to Shareholders	(9.3)	(9.0)	9.8
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			
U.S.A.	$1.24	$1.16	$1.16
Canada	$1.69	$1.53	$1.53

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 6.4% and 3.3% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations, the increases were 11.5% and 7.9% respectively.

The first quarter result has again been seriously affected by severe weather losses principally in the United Kingdom but also in the U.S.A., Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

In the United Kingdom, net written premiums were £132.6m (1984, £125.5m) and there was an underwriting loss of £30.9m (1984, £31.1m). This marginal improvement was achieved despite a substantial deterioriation in the Motor account result. The upsurge in claim frequency in the second half of last year continued into the first quarter producing a loss of £7.7m (1984, £1.9m loss). The impact of bad weather was taken mainly in the Homeowners and Commercial Property accounts giving rise to losses of £10.3m (1984, £12.6m loss) and £10.4m (1984, £12.8m loss) respectively. These accounts received some benefit from rate increases but the Commercial Property account suffered from an unusually high number of large fire claims. Experience in the Liability classes showed a substantial improvement but remains adverse.

In the United States, net written premiums were $240.3m (1984, $213.6m) and the operating ratio was 119.75% as compared with 119.53% for the same period last year. On the United Kingdom accounting basis, the underwriting loss was £37.5m (1984, £35.8m loss). Some further deterioration in personal lines experience was largely offset by an improved result from the commercial accounts which are beginning to benefit from rate increases.

Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £16.2m (1984, £13.4m loss). There was some improvement in experience in the E.E.C. territories but the incidence of weather claims led to sharply increased underwriting losses in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

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There is nothing wrong in using words that invite an emotional response, but if the words are at odds with reality the response "is likely to be an emotional reaction of a kind which no advertiser wants, that is, a complaint to the ASA," the authority's monthly case report claims.

Nothing should be described as "free" if there is any direct cost to the consumer, other than the actual cost of delivery, postage or freight. And if delivery or postage must be paid by people accepting a "free" offer, this must be clearly stated in all advertising matter..

A member of the public, for instance, took exception to an advertisement which offered a "free" calendar, and who subsequently discovered that a charge of £2.95 would be made for postage and packing.

The advertiser said that the postage actually cost £1.62 and that the rest of the charge was accounted for almost entirely by the cost of special packaging material required for safe postal delivery. This was not a "free" offer, the ASA ruled. No additional charge for packaging should have been made.

Neither is an offer "free" if a consumer has to order certain goods in order to obtain it.

The ASA also dislikes "closing down sales" that are still closing down months after the first advertisement appears. "There is no objection to the urgency as such," says the authority. "What does matter is that the facts are true. A closing down sale that goes on for two years is not a sale at all, it is a continuance of normal business."

Advertised claims that sales are due to personal crises experienced by the advertiser, illness, or an overseas disaster, are also distasteful to the ASA. "Advertisements like these, even if the letter of them can be said (just) to conform to the advertising code, if for instance a medical attendant witnesses the illness or the overseas disaster is common knowledge, bring no credit on the advertising business," the monthly report rules.

Rosemary Collins

RMC

'We face the future with confidence and resilience'

JOHN CAMDEN CHAIRMAN

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Turnover	£1174.9 million	up 12%
Pre-tax profit	£81.3 million	up 14%
Earnings per share	45.1p	up 14%

1984 was a year of mixed fortune. The improvement in trading conditions which started in 1983 and continued into the early months of 1984 was not sustained during the second half of the year. Trading in the United Kingdom and West Germany became more difficult as the year progressed. However, another strong performance from our Concrete and Aggregates Sector in the United Kingdom and a contribution of increasing importance from our operations in the United States ensured that Group profit before taxation increased by 14%.

In a year in which success was nowhere easy, we were especially dependent on the abilities and commitment of our employees. It is a pleasure to draw attention to the substantial achievements during the year of the people who work for the RMC Group throughout the world.

Looking ahead, 1985 seems likely to be a tough year for us. Throughout the world the outlook for the construction industry is uncertain, while in the United Kingdom and Europe atrocious weather conditions have meant a difficult start to the year. Nevertheless I am confident that the strength of our team at RMC, and the sound base which we have created, coupled with our strong cash flow, enables us to face the future with confidence and resilience.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, Cadogan Place, London SW1 on 7th June 1985 at 11.30 a.m. If you would like a copy of the 1984 Annual Report please write to The Secretary, RMC Group p.l.c., RMC House, High Street, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 4HA.

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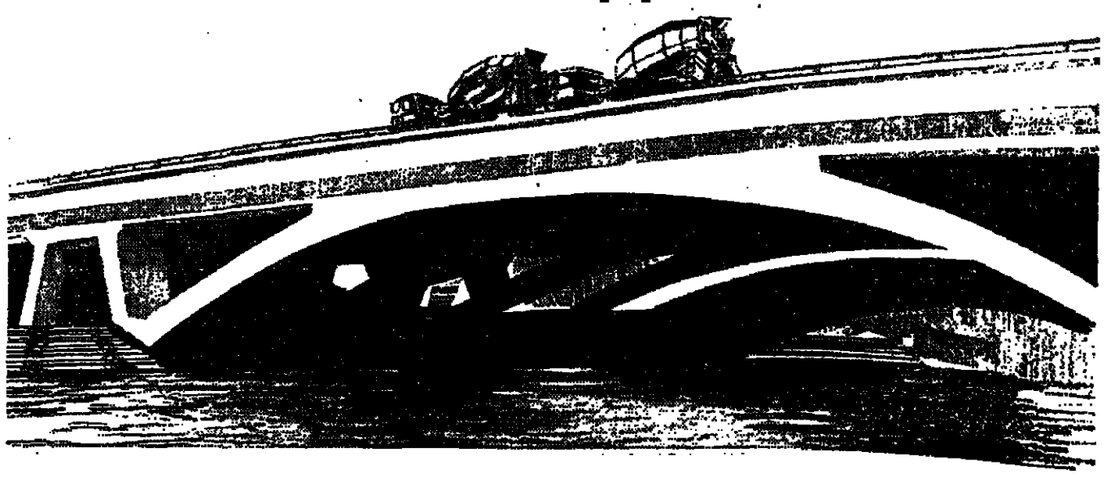

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Price war in US takes shine off Sears

By Robin Stoddart

Sears Holdings, the Selfridge, Dolcis and Saxone retailer, was outshone by other department store and shoe chains last year, partly because its profitability was already so much above average previously, but primarily because of the price war afflicting the newer United States operations. The message must be that some of the fat margins currently being earned on British high steets are ephemeral.

Nevertheless, the rise in turnover to £2,019 million from £1,839 million, accompanied by a parallel pre-tax profit improvement to £175.2 million against £159.1 million in the year to January 31, was not taken amiss in the City. The recent acquisition or Foster Brothers shows that within the monopoly constraints new opportunities in the skittish fashion business will be seized. And apart from the next cyclical upturn in the US shoe business, there is the hope of higher returns from the William Hill betting operations and the stakes in jewelley and building.

Footwear retailing profits in the US were about halved to £7.1 million even though stocks were kept down at reasonable levels. The home chain, with three times the turnover, made this up, though margins were pared by slower sales in the areas hit by the miners strike.

Geoffrey Maitland Smith : Selfridge's booming

The Selfridge and Lewis stores in London benefited from the tourist inflow and profit was £7.4 million up at £26 million on a turnover gain of 8 per cent to just over £300 million. The fashion and sports chain, including Olympus which is set to extend to the Continent, also made good progress with margins in higher double figures.

Mappin and Garrard's jewellery earnings trebled and the upturn looks set to continue as spending in the prime Knightsbridge area soars. Again, though, the Miss Erika chain in the US suffered from the emphasis on housing and other large items of spending, rather than fashion goods.

The reduced stake in engineering produced a slightly higher return along with the motor operations, but construction earnings were down a little. Property revenue kept on rising at £7.6 million and there were doubled non-trading gains of a similar order.

The chairman, Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, reports that while sales here are still buoyant, there is as yet little sign of the retail boom extending across the Atlantic. He is confident about the returns that can be won from Foster, while rival bidder Ward White expands elsewhere and along with Hanson contends with the US situation. Overseas expansion will continue.

The final dividend is being lifted to 2.2p net a share, taking the total to 3p, from 2.5p, covered by earnings a penny up at 8.1p.

COMPANY BRIEFING

Digging in a little deeper

Spear & Jackson's three-pronged recovery is not proving an early haymaker, but the garden equipment and cutting tools group is looking strong enough to maintain its independence.

Heavy spending on the promotion of lawn treatment chemicals and concentration of the metal saw operation enlarged by the Firth Brown acquisition on one Sheffield site limited the improvement in profit last year. Lumber saw sales in Canada swing down later on.

Turnover rose to £36.3 million from £31.6 million, and pre-tax profit edged ahead to £1.36 million from £1.22 million, both a little lower than earlier hopes.

Apart from the miners' strike and downturn in housebuilding in North America, affecting lumber milling activity, the greater emphasis on marketing and DIY distribution tended to delay sales until the spring. The year end is therefore being changed to March 31. Some engineering tools were withdrawn in the face of severe competition at an extraordinary net charge of £200,000.

Once again, just over 40 per cent of sales were overseas. This includes the French branch which is a major exporter to North America. A strong improvement in productivity and profit was finally achieved in its operations and the trend is continuing, even though domestic demand remains flat.

The final dividend is being raised to 4p net a share, from 3.5p, taking the total to 6p, from 5.25p. Earnings improve3d to 15p and the financial situation is quite strong. The board is more confident of rising demand than for several years past, though fully-fledged industrial recovery by traditional customers remains something of a mirage.

ARNOLD ZIFF (right), chairman of Stylo Shoes, yesterday delivered the doubled ***profits he promised shareholders in January.*** **Mr Ziff's fierce battle to hang on to control of Stylo in the face** ***of a tender offer from*** **John Ritblat's British Land brought him many critics. But, as he forecast, profits have risen by 114 per cent to £2.35 million despite a rise in interest from £817,000 to £1.28 million after a near doubling in short term borrowings to £10.6 million. The divident is also doubled to 4.5p. Sales rose by 20 per cent to £58.7 million.**

Kennedy cash call

Kennedy Brookes, the "Wheeler's" and "Mario and Franco" restaurants group, is raising £10 million from shareholders to finance continued expansion of the business.

The group, which currently operates around 70 restaurants, wine bars and hotels, is keen to add to its two existing country house hotels and is planning further expansion of its restaurant chains, partly on a franchise basis.

Shareholders are being asked to put up the new money by taking up £7.826p nominal of a 6.25 per cent convertible loan stock for every 10 ordinary shares, currently owned. Final redemption date of the stock will be December 31, 2002.

The net proceeds of the issue, estimated at £9.65 million, will initially be used to reduce group borrowings.

Under the weather

Poor first quarter results from General Accident, the UK's fourth largest composite insurer and leading motor insurer, once again mainly reflect severe weather losses both at home and overseas.

In the three months to March the pre-tax loss rose to £18 million compared with £16.5 million last time. But at the attributable level losses were virtually unchanged at £9.3 million.

In the UK there was a small improvement in the underwriting loss to £30.9 million against £31.1 million. This was *due mainly to the deterioration* in the motor account being offset by better trading in the liability and traders' accounts being offset by better *trading in the liability* and traders' accounts. Losses were up in the US by nearly £2 million at £37.5 million and other overseas countries losses rose by nearly *£3 million* to £16.2 million. Total premium income rose by 11.5 per cent to £438 million.

GA's chief general manager, Mr Buchan Marshall, said that the bad weather remains the main cause for concern. But, he added, it becomes more difficult to use as a justification as it becomes a regular feature. Apart from further weather losses the group is cautiously optimistic about trading this year and 1986.

Poised to benefit

Land Securities is poised to reap the benefits of its huge London office development programme. Chairman Lord Samuel said yesterday that 852,000 sq. ft. had been let or was under offer, out of one million sq. ft. being redeveloped or refurbished.

Land Securities, the UK's largest property company, has completed 912,000 sq. ft. of development and plans to finish the balance by next year. It has let all but 60,000 sq. ft. of the offices so far completed.

Lord Samuel revealed yesterday that profits had risen from £84 million to £95.6 million, on rental income which has grown from £116.1 million to £132.1 *million.*

A revaluation of the group's investment property portfolio has shown that it is now worth £2,335 million, up by £147.3 *million since* the end of 1984. The group sold nearly £25 million of property and spent £69.4 million on the portfolio. The growth in the portfolio's value *has* slowed from 6.6 per cent in 1984 to 4.6 per cent. Shareholders collect a dividend of 11.64p.

BIOGEN, Europe's biggest but deeply troubled biotechnology company, has sunk further into the red. The group's Nobel Prize-winning founder, Harvard scientist Dr Walter Gilbert, resigned as chairman last December. Yesterday Biogen reported that its net loss for the first quarter of 1985 rose to nearly $5 million, as against $3.6 million in the first three months of 1984.

Topping Telerate

Telerate, operators of the financial information network which comes closest to rivalling Reuters, yesterday announced a rise in net income for the second quarter of 1984 to US$8.6 million from $6.9 million. Earnings per share increased to 20 cents from 16 cents. On a six-month basis, net income is up 26 per cent at $16.8 million compared with $13.36 million.

Mr Neil Hirsch, president and chief executive, attributes the company's performance to the growth in the financial information industry, though its breakthrough into the London market seems as yet uncertain. Telerate is 51.9 per cent controlled by Exco International, the financial services group.

Seccombe's big bill

The Bank of England's bill broker, Seccombe Marshall & Campion, used almost half its net profits to cover the expenses of the takeover by US banking giant Citicorp, according to its last annual results as an independent firm, out yesterday. Net profit was £170,000 — Seccombe is one of the smallest of the City's discount houses — but the firm deducted £80,000 from this for the cost of being bought out, leaving £90,000 compared with £486,000 a year earlier. After bringing forward retained profits of £585,000 Seccombe's profits were £675,000 compared with £1.05 million in the previous year.

The Seccombe takeover went through last month. There is no final dividend, which was taken into account in the offer price. As a result of the first takeover by a bank of a discount house, the Bank of England will drop Seccombe Marshall and carry out its own dealings with the discount market without using a broker as an intermediary. Seccombe *will become part of Citicorp's* developing securities business in London which is expected to include a primary gilts dealership which will work closely with the discount house.

Lloyd's Life sale soon

Lloyd's of London is hoping to complete the sale of its successful Lloyd's Life unit-linked life assurance business within the next few weeks.

The company, which has 250,000 policy holders and a staff of 350, was put up for sale more than three months ago but the disposal has taken longer than expected because of logistical problems created by the strong overseas interest in the business.

Merchant bankers acting for Lloyd's have whittled the bidders down to a short list of six and will be asking the prospective owners to submit their bids within the next week or so. It is hoped to complete the sale by the end of this month or early in June.

Lloyd's is anticipating bids in the region of £90 million to £100 million from the UK, *North American and Continental* companies still in the running but has made it clear that the top bid will not necessarily win the day.

A spokesman stressed yesterday that particular importance would also be placed on retaining proper incentives for the Lloyd's Life management team *and on ensuring* that policy holders would not suffer as a result of the change of ownership.

In short...

VIEWPLAN, which hires out £5 million worth of equipment to the broadcasting, conference or PR circuits, will be capitalised on the USM at £12.9 million through a placing of 2.5 million shares (23.3 per cent of the group) at 120p. Profits should be £700,000 this year.

HOLMES & Marchant group is involved in sales promotion and brand enhancement (it pioneered advertising on milk bottles) and is coming to the *USM* through a placing of just 12.5 per cent of the equity. At the placing price of 200p it will be capitalised at £12 million and forecasts a profit of £940,00 for the year to September.

WACE turned a loss of £185,000 into a profit of £233,000 in 1984 — the first profit since 1979.

MARKHEATH Securities is raising £7.3 million through a one-for-one rights issue at 50p. Profits of £1.4 million are forecast for 1985/6.

Edited by Tony May

Premium on new BAe shares is 43p

THE MARKETS

Share prices came down with a bump yesterday following Monday's euphoria that *greeted the British Aerospace* offer success. BAe's new partly-paid shares recorded a premium of 43p, below the 60p-plus expected by some optimists. This was partly due *to* profit taking in the old shares which cut 20p from the price to 416p.

The mood was not helped by *developments on the takeover* front. Debenhams plunged to 288p at one stage before rallying to 302p, a net fall of 26p, following a statement from the *Burton Group chairman* emphasing that the company *would not be a bidder* under present circumstances. Burton bounced up 11p to 470p, (after hitting 480p).

BURMAH shares came off the boil yesterday as the City waited to see whether Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation would follow up its recent takeover approach with a bid for the company. The share price dipped 5p to 295p, at which level the business is valued at almost £425 million. Despite reports that Mr Ronson might already have sold his shares, Burmah said the ywere not aware of any change in Heron's 4 percent holding.

Muirhead were another weak *spot as directors changed their* minds and opted for the RHP offer terms. The shares dropped 36p to 160p, These two situations helped to unsettle *the other potential takeover* candidates. Vickers, for example, reacted 16p to 322p.

Shares elsewhere suffered as jobbers took advantage of the change in sentiment. The strength of sterling was responsible for double-figure losses among some internationals. Banks gave back 10p of their recent gains as South American debt problems reared again. Insurances were supported by reasonable losses from General Accident, but brokers slipped behind Minet, (down 16p to 218p) where the Richard Beckett agency underwriting losses are expected to reach £130 million.

British Telecom competition fears returned to the electrical sectors. Properties retreated from recent strength, the Land Securities results not helping. Builders had several firm spots on recent merger activity and Trafalgar House stake-building operations.

Oils were perkier than of late ahead of profits news from majors later this week and an Aran Energy bid for Petrolex which promoted demand for other onshore explorers. Higher provisional retail sales for April *did* little for stores which receded with Debenhams. Golds gained another dollar or two.

Insurances had a largely dull session, though composites cheered up following the release of the General Accident figures, and most closed with slight gains. General Accident themselves had been at 606p prior to the results, but eventually settled for a 3p rise at 616p after the £18 million loss proved to be at the lower end of the range expected.

Banks also had a dull day, hit by worries over the South American debt problem. Lloyds dropped 10p to 594p. National Westminster, however, managed a slight gain of 3p at 677p.

Main changes: Muirhead 160p down 36p; Debenhams 302p down 26p; British Aerospace ordinary 416p down 20p; Burton 470p up 11p; British Areospace new 243p (200p pp); Minet 218p down 16p; Vickers 322p down 16p; General Accident 616p up 3p.

Equity turnover for Monday: bargains, 25,923; value, £439.7 million.

● Paris: prices closed mixed to higher in moderately active trading. The market indicator finished the day 0.5 per cent above Monday's closing level.

● Frankfurt: The declining dollar and hopes for lower interest rates sent share prices up to record highest levels once again.

The Commerzbank roared ahead 12.4 points to a new peak reading of 1263.6, erasing the previous record set on Monday of 1251.2.

● Tokyo: prices drifted lower, as a lack of buyers kept the market from building up power. Nikkei Dow Jones index: 12,504.20 (12,541.53)

● *Hong Kong*: profit-taking carried most share prices lower in moderate trading. Hang Seng index: 1615.00 (1628.29

FT Ordinary Share Index down 4.6 at 1,012.3. FT-SE 100 Index down 1.5 at 1326.5. Pound: $1.2727; DM 3.87; Fr 11.83. Gold: $327. Account: April 29 to May 10. FT All Share Index down 2.40 at 637.44. Sterling Index 79.2 (1975=100). RPI 366.1 (March) up 6.1 per cent on year.

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,222 per tonne, three months £1,208 per tonne.
Tin: Cash £9,420 per tonne, three months £9,405 per tonne.
Lead: Cash £298.50 per tonne, three months £300.50 per tonne.
Zinc: Cash £712 per tonne, three months £702 per tonne.
Silver: Spot 523p per troy oz: three months 539p.
Rubber: Spot 67p per kilo; June £715 per tonne, July £725 per tonne, August £735 per tonne.
Coffee: May £2,058 per tonne, July £2,106 per tonne, Sep £2,148 per tonne, Nov £2,178 per tonne, Jan £2,205 per tonne, Mar £2,190 per tonne.
Cocoa: May £1,815 per tonne, July £1,843 per tonne, Sep £1,826 per tonne, Dec £1,782 per tonne, *Mar £1,783 per tonne, May £1,805 per tonne.*
Cotton: Liverpool spot prices in US cents per pound, Memphis 1⅛inch strict middling May–June 75.50. California 1⅛inch strict midgling May–June 77.00. Sudan Barakat 1⅛inch May–June No. 3B 107.50; May–June No. 5B 99.50; May–June 6B 98.00. Mexico 1⅛inch strict middling May–June 69.50.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

British Funds

Stock	Price	Change
(short) Treasury		
3pc 89	79 3/16	+1/16
9½pc 88C	a95 7/16	-1/16
2½pc 1985	99 23/32	
(medium) Transport		
3pc 78-88	83⅞	+⅛
Treasury		
10pc C86	96 7/16	
Exchequer		
10pc 1989	94½	-1/16
10½pc 1987	99 29/32	
10½pc 1988	97⅞	
11pc 1990	97⅞	-⅛
11pc 1991	98½	
11½pc 1986	99 13/16	
12¼pc 1985	a100	
12½pc 1990	103 3/16	-1/16
13¼pc 1987	102¼	-1/16
10½pc 1987	98 5/16	
13pc 1992	110⅛	
13½pc 1994	110⅛	
14pc 1986	102 13/16	
2¼pc 1986	a92	+⅛
Funding		
5½pc 87-91	82⅞	
6½pc 85-87	92⅞	
Treasury		
10pc 1987	a97 7/16	
2pc IL 88	111⅞	+⅛
10½pc 1989	a96 7/16	-1/16
3pc 1987	88⅛	+⅛
3pc 1986	a95	+⅛
5pc 86-89	87⅞	+⅛
7¾pc 85-88	92⅛	+⅛
8¼pc 87-90	a88⅛	
10pc 90C	94½	-⅛
8¾pc 84-86	96 13/16	+1/16
9½pc C89	93 7/16	
10pc 1992	95⅞	
10pc C92	95⅞	
10½pc 87C	97 11/16	-1/16
11¾pc 1989	99⅛	-1/16
11½pc 1991	104⅛	
12pc 1986	a100⅛	
13pc 1990	105⅛	
(long) Exchequer		
10¼pc 1995	95½	
10½pc 1997	97	
12pc 1998	a104⅛	
12pc 99-02	109	+⅛
12½pc 13-17	a113	
12½pc 1992	105⅛	
12½pc 1999	109⅛	
13pc 1994	107⅛	
13¼pc 1996	a111⅛	
15pc 1997	123⅛	
9¼pc 1998	83⅛	
9½pc 98A	83⅛	
Funding		
6pc 1993	78⅞	
3½pc 99-04	49⅛	+⅛
Treasury		
2pc IL 1996	111⅛	+⅛
2½pc IL 2001	a98⅛	+⅛
2½pc IL 2006	103	+⅛
2½pc IL 16	99⅛	+⅛
5½pc 08-12	69	
6¾pc 95-8	72⅛	
7¾pc 12-15	79⅛	-⅛
8pc 02-06	80⅛	
8½pc 1997	88⅛	
9pc 1994	a87⅛	
9½pc 1982-6	93	
9½pc 1999	92⅛	
10pc 1999	a93⅛	
10½pc 1999	a95⅛	
11½pc 01-04	106	+⅛
11¾pc 03-07	a110⅛	+⅛
12pc 1995	105⅛	
12½pc 1987	100⅛	
12¾pc 1993	109	
12pc 2005	a112⅛	
13pc 1992	109⅛	
13½pc 1995	a107⅛	
13pc 2000	117	+⅛
13½pc 1997	115⅛	
13½pc 04-08	123⅛	+⅛
2½pc IL 00	a98⅛	+⅛
2¼pc IL 2011	a104½	+1
2½pc IL 1013	a87⅛	+1
13¾pc 1993	a117⅛	
13¾pc 00-03	122	+⅛
14pc 1996	118⅛	
14pc 98-01	a116½	
14½pc 1994	119½	
15½pc 1996	122½	
15½pc 1998	128½	
2½pc 2020	82⅛	+1
Redemption		
3pc 86-96	75½	+1½
Gas		
3pc 90-95	69½	+1½
(undated) Consols		
2½pc	24½	
4pc	38½	
Conversion		
3½pc	43½	
9½pc 03	£91	+½
9¾pc 01	£94	+½
10pc 02	94½	+½
Treasury		
2½pc	24½	
3pc	29½	
War Loan		
3½pc	a33½	

Cmmnwlth Bnds

Stock	Price	Change
NZ		
7½pc 83-86	£97½	+½
S Rhodesia		
2½pc 65-70	£180	

Corps & Boards

Stock	Price	Change
Manchester		
3pc 28	£24½	
Met. Water		
3pc 'B'	£38½	

Banks & Disc Hses

Stock	Price	Change
Allied Irish	103	-2
Ansbacher H.	66	-2
ANZ Gp	276	+1
Bank Ireland	268	
Bnk Scot	e367	+3
Barclays Bnk	e387	-7
Brown Ship	395	
Cater Allen	513	
Clive Dis	61	-4
First Nat.	96½	
Gerrard & Nt	334	-5
Gooie D&M	101	
Guinness Pt.	72	
Hambros Shr	158	+2
Hill Sam	293	
H.K. & Shai	a85½	-½
King & Sx	a168	-2
Kleinwrt	a500	
Lloyds	594	-10
Mercury Sec.	438	
Midland	359	-5
Nat West	677	+3
Rea Bros-A	72	
Ryl Bk Scot	a286	+2
Schroders	738	
S. St. Aub.	58	-2
Std Chtrd	a477	+5
Union Dis	703	
Westpac	231	-2
Wintrust	260	

Financial Trusts

Stock	Price	Change
Armour Tst.	20½	
Aust Agr	265	
Brit Arrow	a101	
Daily M Tr A	£72½	
Dalgety	a463	-3
Exco	a383	-5
Inchcape	a383	-7
Lon Ivy Tst	311	+½
M & G Hdgs	481	+½
Manton Fin	a27	
Mash Secs	38	
Prov Fin	225	
Rothschild J.	98	-1
Sime Darby	a71	
Smith Bros	120	+5
Wagon Fin	78	

Breweries

Stock	Price	Change
Ald Lyons	186	-3
Bass	582	-2
Bell A.	a143	
Belhaven	60	-1
Bodd Brew	80	-1
Brown M.	388	
Bulmer HP	142	
Davenport	258	
Devenish	610	
Distillers	293	-1
Forshams	440	
Greenall W.	183	-2
Greene King	182	
Guinness	270	-1
Highland Dis	a69	-1
Higsons Brew	162	
Invergordon	a128	
Marston Thm	68	
Scot Nw Bws	129½	-½
Try City Lsl	a84	-1
Vaux Brew	a281	
Whitbread A.	210	-2
Whitbrd Inv	178	
Wolver & Dd	314	

Comm & Ind

Stock	Price	Change
AAH	145	
AC Cars	45	
AGB Res	279	
APV Hdgs	a241	-2
Aaronson	e112	
Adwest	a150	
Alcan Al.	a£20	
Allen WG	Suspended	
All Colloid	£23	-2
All Plant	22	+½
Amber Day	9½	
AMEC	a250	+3
Amersham	378	
Amstrad	80	-3
Anchor Ch	a227	-1
Ang TV-A	153	
Ang-A Ind	£10½	
Appleyard	a67	
Arenson	28	+1
Argyll Grp	308	
Arlington	174	
Austn Eq	a35½	+1
Arcliffe	a48	
Ash & Lacy	a350	-5
Ass Book	a403	
Ass B Eng	51	-½
Ass B Fds	236	
Ass Ports	a260	-2
Ass Dairies	154	
Ass Eng	a145	
Ass Fish	103	-1
Ass News	875	
Ass Paper	a183	-3
Astra	84	
Audiotnics	51	
Ault & W	48	
Auto Prod	a83	+4
Avana	634	+13
Avon Rbr	303	
BAT Ind	a308	-7
BBA	a88	+1
BPB Ind	250	
BSR	a120	+4
BTR	a737	-7
Babcock	a156	-4
Bailey B	a26	
Bailey CH	a17½	+½
Baird (W)	383	
Balspton	73	-2
Baker P	307	+3
Barrn	a100	+2
Barbican	3	
Barker, Dob.	11	-½
Barr & W A	a100	-1
Barratt Dv.	a96	+2
Barrow HP	a411	
Bassett (G)	207	-3
Beatson CK	176	
Beattie A	a140	
Beazer	a408	
Beckman (A)	a68	
Beecham	380	+6
Re-??	171	
Benlox	a186	+3
Bentalls	a103	+1
Berisfd SW	168	-1
Berisfords	193	
Bespak	a228	
Bestobell	223	-2
Betac	a78	+1
Bett Bros	63	
Bibby (J)	a245	
BICC	a228	-2
Biddle	a165	
Billam J	a81	
Birmid Q	86½	-1
B'ham Mint	215	+2
BL Ord	39	
Black P	240	
Blwd Hdg	33½	-1
Blagden Inds	115	-1
Bluebird	72	
Blue Circle	a548	
Blundell P	142	-2
BOC Grp	300	+8
Bolton Txt	20	-1
Booker M	a258	
Boosey H	143	
Boots	193	
Borthwick	38	-1
Boulton W	7½	+½
Bowater	a282	-6
Bowthorpe	a409	-5
Braithwaite	128	
Brammer	a816	-2
Brasway	52	
Brick Dud	64	
Bridon	a137	-1
Br Aero	a416	-20
Br BZ Cim	14½	-1
Br Car A	a85	+1
BET dfd	248	-7
BHS	a307	
Br Mohair	a128	
BPC	185	
Br Tar Prd	102	-1
Br Vending	57	
Br Vita	178	-1
Bronx Eng	17	-½
Brook St	a120	
Brown & J	15	+2
Bro Br Kat	a87	
Brown (J)	33	-2
Brown T'wse	131	+1
Brunning	140	
Brustons (M)	a58	
Bryant	a75	
BSG Intl	a24½	+½
Bullers	37	
Bulough	a258	
Bulmer, Lb	88	
Bunzl	a455	-3
Burnett Hl	37	
Burns And	55½	
Burton Ord	470	+11
Cable Wire	590	-10
Chrry Sch	a161	-2
Cam Elec Ind	a325	-10
Camford	35½	+½
Canning W	a89	+1
Cape Inds	44	
Carclo Eng	249	
Carless Cpl	168	+7
Carpets Int	72	
Carr (J)	92	+4
Carr's Mill	132	
Casket S	a41	
Castings	60	+1
Cattle's	32½	
Cem Rod	63	+1
C.H. Inds	6	
Cen & Shr	a180	
Central TV	51	
Ch'lain Php	83	
Chem Tms	150	
Chloride	35	-1
Christie Tyl	44	
Christies In	a598	-8
Clay (R)	a102	
Clyde Bwrs	123	
Coalite Ch	237	-1
Coates Ord	a157	
Coates 'A'	a127	-1
Coats Pats	a137	-1
600 Group	102	-1
Collins Ord	a795	
Collins 'A'	a548	-2
Comben	77	
Cook Eng	132	+2
Cope	232	-10
Concentric	a70	
Cookson	a674	-10
Cooper Ind	a161	+1½
Cope Alman	a173	
Corah	a69½	
Coralt	65	
Costain Grp	a274	+2
Countryside	280	
Court Fern	169	
Courtaulds	145	-1
Cwn de Gt	36	
Crest N'son	160	
Croda Intl	a130	-2
do dfd	102	-1
Crown Hse	146	
Crystalate	175	-3
DRG	a160	+1
Dale Elec	72	-1
Dales Gwtn	Suspended	
DPCE	480	
Davis, NM	a150	+2
Davies (C)	116	
Davy Corp	110	-4
Davis Est	290	
De La Rue	850	-10
Debenhams	302	-26
Dee Corp	231	
Delta Met	a152	-4
Deritend St	135	
Desoutter	175	
Dewhirst	a89	
Dewhurst & F	36	-1
Diamond S	31	
Dixons Grp	694	+5
Dobson Pk	83	-1
Dom Hlds	83	
Dominion Int	64	-1
Douglas R	49	
Dwdg Mills	a73	
Dowty	203	-1
Dobilier	170	
Dufay Bit	a43	-1
Dunhill	358	
Dupont	33½	-½
E&F	38	
Ests Prince	a325	
Elfiro	142	
Elbar Ind	30	
Elect Hdgs	89	
EIS	a210	+2
Elect Comts	315	
Elect Mchn	55	
Elect Rntls	50	+1
Elliott B	81½	
Ellis & Evd	232	
Ellis, Gold	a90	
Elswick-H	81	
Emess Light	a220	
Emray	178	
Empire Strs	a120	+2
Eng China	263	+1
Erith	a80	
Eur Ferries	a142	-2
do 5pc Pref	121	
Eurotherm	353	-7
Excalibur	91	
Extel	348	+5
Exp Metal	a106	-1
Farnell El	a203	-3
FEB Intl	110	
Fecnar	137	
Ferranti	141	
Ferguson	136	
Fine Art	91	-5
Finlan J	90	
Finlay J	139	
First Castle	117	
First Leisure	277	
Fisons	a303	-3
Fitch Lvl	209	+1
Fleet	307	-7
Folkes NV	a26	-1
Ford (Mtr)	43	+1
Forminster	158	
Fosco M	a227	-5
Fothergill	a158	
Freemans	a208	
Friedland Dg	a208	
French T	60	
French KR	a158	+7
Galliford	65	
Garford L	98	
Garton Eng	a57	
Gears G	a126	-2
GEI Intl	100	
Gen Elect	182	-2
Gestetner	105	+2
Gill & Duff	a142	
Glaxo	a£11 61/64	-3/64
Gleeson	a209	
Glynwed	a192	-1
Goldbg (A)	56	
Gomme	43	
Grampian	a112	-2
Granada	192	
Grand Met	308	-2
Grattan W	a208	+2
GUS Ord	856	
GUS 'A'	822	-5
Greenbank	33	
Greenfield	48	
Grovebell	a131	
GRN	a236	-4
H&T Grp	90	
HTV NV	123	
Habitat M	354	
Haden	350	-3
Hall Eng	144	-2
Hall (Mat)	a348	+2
Halma	218	
Halstead J	a83	-1
Hampson	28	
Hanson Tr	227	-1
Hargreaves	103	
Harris Qwy	a226	-2
Har & Cros	455	-1
Hartwells	100	+3
Hawker S	a433	-3
Hawtin	291	-1
Hawth Cer	a130	
Hawth Ord	a202	
Hestair	77	+1
Hewden S	a40	-1
Hickng P	63	
Hickson	445	-3
Higgs & H	a358	+5
Hill & Sm	64	
Hillards	410	-3
Hollas Gp	23	
Hollis Bros	72	+1
Holt Lloyd	a86	
Home Charm	a338	
Hopkinson	185	-1
Horizon Tvl	a115	
Hse of Lrs	a119	
How'd Mac	10	
Howden Gp	98	
Ibstock Jsn	d164	
Illwth Mrs	85	
Illwth Mrs A	85	
ICI	751	-11
IMI	a109	
Imperial Gp	191	+1
Ingram H	125	+25
Int Thom Org	484	-5
Jessups	a67	
J'son Clnrs	440	
Johnson FB	151	+½
J'son Mthy	88	-2
Johnston	a220	
Jones & Sh	a72	
Jones E	84	
Jones Strd	150	
Jourdan T	134	
Kalamazoo	a30	
Kennedy B	a278	-5
Kershaw	112	
Kwdit	a41	
Kwik Save	a198	+2
LCP	127	
LRC Int	109	+3
Ladbroke	a270	
Ladies Pr	24½	
Laing 'A'	a210	+1
Laird Group	a168	-2
Lake & Elt	79	
Lambt Hwth	a200	
Laporte Ind	a425	-3
Lawtex	67	
Lep Grp	265	+2
Lex Service	237	-7
Leyland Pt	Suspended	
Lilley FJC	a88	
Linread	a41	
Lister	49½	
Lloyd (FH)	67	+1
Locker Thos	29½	
Lopica	256	
Lon & Midl'd	180	-2
Lde Nor G	e77½	
Lon Pk Htl	370	
Longton	102	
Lonrho	177	-3
Lookers	86	+1
Lovell YJ	306	+2
Low & Bonar	d278	-2
Low (Wm)	e631	+11
Lowe R H	30	
Lucas Inds	a284	+3
MCD Grp	a107	-1
MFI Furn	288	+8
MK Elec	275	+7
MY Dart	a24	
Macarthys	178	+2
McC'dale	160	-3
Mackay (H)	a87	
McKechnie	a132	
Magnet S	140	-2
Mngt Ag	Suspended	
Mchstr Ship	320	
Manders	a175	
Mang Brz	a66	
Manor Nts	10½	
Marks & Spn	a141	-3
Marley	86	+2½
Marling Ind	101	+3
Marshalls H	248	
Marsh'l Un	70	+2
Mtn-Black	Suspended	
Martin (A)	a62½	-1
Martonair	a331	
Matthews B	a307	
Maunders J	121	
May & Hassl	37	
Maynards	320	+5
McAlpine Alf	246	
Marriss (J)	a273	+5
Metal Box	398	-2
Metal Clos	a156	
Metalrax	a74	-1
Metamec	Suspended	
Meyer	127	+6
Miller S	15	-1
Milletts	146	
Ms Intl	44	
M & Allen	355	
Mitchell CT	a74	
Molins	a142	-1
Monk A	113	+2
More O'Fl	a85	
Morgan Cr	a230	
Moss Bros	478	
Mowlem	a212	
Muirhead	160	-36
Myson Grp	a80	-1
NSS News	118	
Neepsend	16½	-1
Neil & Spar	29	-1
Neill J	a152	-1
Newarthill	a810	
Newman-T	88	
Newmark	215	
News Intl	730	+5
Nichols Vim	a235	
Norcros	154	-3
North Eng	a91	-1½
N. Foods	242	-2
Norton Opax	118	
Nova Kit	Suspended	
Notts Mnfg	a202	-2
Nurdin & P	a170	-2
Octopus Gp	a973	+5
Office & El	175	+2
Ogilvy Mat	a£32½	-½
Owen O	a225	-5
Oxford Ins	251	-2
Parker Kn A	204	+1
Pkind Text	105	
Paterson Z	186	
do 'A'	186	
Pearson (S)	d363	
Peel Hldgs	400	-5
Peerless	87	
Pegln-Htly	278	-2
Pentl'd Inds	a916	-33
Pentos	a51½	+1½
Petbow Hold	52	
Phicom	a43	
Philips	a£12½	-½
Phoenix Tms	140	
Photo-Me	£11½	
Pifco Hldg	140	
Pilkington	291	-2
Pittard	111	
Planet Grp	a104	
Platignum	11	
Plaxton's	80	
Pleasurama	a428	-8
Plessey	198	-4
Plysu	227	
Pochins	a210	
Portals	a545	
Porter Chad	116	
Powell Duff	270	
Preedy	110	
Presac	a105	
Priest (B)	9½	
PoW Htls	109	+1
Pritchard	a82	
Prop Rev	184	
Queens Moat	e55	-½
Quick (HJ)	a49	
Rea Hldgs	a229	
Racal Elect	188	
Ramar Txt	22½	
Rank Org	363	+13
Rnks Hov	152	-1
RHP	104	-2
Ransom S J	d111	
Ratclf (FS)	55	+2
Raybeck	a301	+½
Readicut	34	+1½
Reckitt + Co	a521	+3
Redfearn	80	
Redland	297	-1
Redman Hn	Suspended	
Reed (A)-A	a132	
Reed Exec	148	
Reed Int	552	-2
Renold	541	-1
Rentokil	a178	-2
Renwick	175	+5
Restmore	120	
Reuters	a380	+1
Rexmore	25½	
RFD Grp	93	
Rich Leics	35	
Rich West	22	
RMC Gp	a374	
Roberts Adld	a104	
Rbsn (Ths)	53	+2
Rock PLC	11½	
Rockware	48	
Ropner H	a156	-3
Rotaflex	a153	-4
Rothmans In	170	-2
Rowlinson	35	
Rown Mack	a436	+10
Ruberoid	a205	
Rugby P C	a122½	-½
S & U Strs	20	+1
SGB Grp	168	-2
Saatchi C	d620	
Sainsbury J	346	-2
Sale Tilney	d211	
Samuel-A	89	+1
Sandhurst	72	
Sangers	71	-4
Savile G	94	
Savoy-'A'	a371	
Scapa Group	a435	-3
Scholes	a503	
SEET	158	-2
Scotcros	Suspended	
Sears Hdgs	93½	-1
Securicor	230	-4
Securicor A	230	-4
Security S	230	-4
Seker Intl	53	
Selincourt	29½	-½
Senior Eng	a23½	-½
Sharna	a60	
Shaw Crt	39	-1
Shiloh Spn	a88	
Sidlaw	165	-3
Silentnight	36	
Simon Eng	a234	-2
Sirdar	a123	-2
Sketchley	324	-1
Smith DS	145	
Smith Hlgs	41	
Smith&Neph	a228	-1
Smith WH	226	+2
Smiths Inds	a213	+1
Smurfit (J)	114	
Sols' Law	36	-1
Sarro GW	a54	+1
Ser & Jckn	144	+2
Spirax-Sarct	a250	-2
Squirrel H	25	+1
Staff Potts	a72	
Stag Furn	a57	
Stakis (R)	63	
STC	a188	-4
Stanley AG	a57	-1
Star Comp	58	+3
Slaveley Ind	338	-2
Std Sim-A	215	+8
Steel Bros	a533	
Steetley	294	+4
Steinberg	73	
Stewart Pl	102	
String Grp	81	
Stocklake	150	
Stoth & Ptt	135	-3
Strong & F	128	-4
Sumner	13	
Sunbeam Wo	a55	
Sutcliffe	38	
Swannore	16	
TI Group	238	-4
TACE	499	
Tarmac	a556	+6
Tate & Lyle	481	-2
Tav Rutl	47	
Tlr Woodrow	a410	
Telefusion	28	-1
Tele Rents	a223	-2
Tesco	[illegible]	-2
Text Jersey	90	+1
Thorn	[illegible]	+7
Thor Crdx	a16	
Tomkins FH	179	-2
Tootal	82½	
Tn Hetwear	73	-1
TZ Kn Mi	38	
Trafgr Hse	a351	+1
Trans Dv	125	-½
Travis & A	[illegible]	
Tr Wty	[illegible]	
Triplex FS	38	-1
Trusthouse	153	-2
Turner & N	a78	
Turriff	a273	
UKO Int	130	
Unigate	170	-1
Unilever	a£11 29/64	-1
Utd Bisc	a177	
Utd Parcels	a86	
Utd News	a383	-3
Utd Scien	185	
Utd Wire	a150	
Valor	204	+1
Vantona	a334	
VG Instrs	a190	
Vibroplant	153	
Vickers	322	-16
Vict Carpt	40	+1
Volex	180	-3
WGI	73	-1
Wadd J	630	
Wade Potts	a145	
Wadkin	a125	-1
Wagon Ind	137	-1
Ward Hldgs	169	
Ward White	290	
Waterford	a47½	
Wats Blk	a240	
Wedgwood	188	-1
Weir Group	a51	-1
Wellman Eng	14	-½
Westland	148	
Wettern	68	
Whessoe	a94	-2
Whitecroft	152	
W'sale Fit	280	-2
Widney	32½	
Wigfall	105	
Wilkes (H)	d208	
Wilms Fdr	22	
Wilms Hdgs	270	
Wimpey G	a113	+2
Wolsy-Hughs	340	
Wolst Bz	a316	-2
Woodhead	31	
W-Tese & Rx	30	
Woolworth	815	+2
Yks Chem	a85	

Insurance

Stock	Price	Change
Alexander	a£22 15/16	-13/16
Britannic	£739	
Comm Un	a225	-1
Equity & L	a246	-2
Genl Accdt	a616	+3
GRE	a710	+5
Heath C E	576	-7
Hogg Rob'son	288	-7
Leal & Gn	a698	-2
Lon & Mcr	a732	-2
Lon Utd	a308	
Marsh & M	a£51 13/16	-13/16
Minet Hldgs	a219	-15
Pearl	a£12 21/64	+9/64
Prudential	678	-2
Refuge	383	-5
Royal	a633	+2
Sedgwick	375	-1
S. Wrtsw	a589	+2
Sun Al & L	a468	+7
Sun Life	a847	+3
Trade Indem	520	
Willis Fabr	a862	-5
Windsor Sec	a57	+4

Investment Trusts

Stock	Price	Change
Alliance Trst	653	+5
Amr. Tr	a13½	
AA Secs C	278	+2
Ashdown	112	
Atlas AT	110	
Bankers In	a42	
Brit Amer	105	+2
Brit Assets	a202	+2
Brit IT	a345	-1
City & Fml	a35½	+½
Cons Vent	a108	
Derby Inc	103	
Derby Cap	99	
Drayton Japn	364	
Drayton Cons	a290	+2
Drayton Prm	336	+4
Edin Am	102	
Electra	128	-1
Eng & Int	254	-2
F&C Pac	a141	
F & C Allian	98	
Family IT	220	+2
First Union	a180	
Fleming F.E.	a270	+1
Fleming Mer	116½	
Fleming Ovs	118	+1
Fleming Tech	142	+1
For & Col	a67	+5½
Fundinvest	a44	
Fundinvest C	302	+4
Gen Funds	588	+3
Gen Stock	154	+4
Globe IT	269	-1
Hambros	156	+1
Hill (P) IT	244	-1
Inv In Suc	508	
Jove Cap	17½	
do Inc	a83½	+½
Law Deb C	173	+½
Ldn, Gar	291	
Lon M Sec	84	-1
M & G Inc	296	+1
M & G Cap	459	+2
Merchants	a94	
Murray Inc	116	
do 'B'	112	
Murray Grth	a94	-1
Murray Int	a123	
Murray SML	171	
do 'B'	186	
Murray Vent	a290	
N'Thr Inc	38½	
N'Thr Cap	30½	+½
River & M	129	+1
Robeco	£16½	
Rolinco	£15½	
Scot Amer In	239	+2
Scot North	a129	-2
Sec Alliance	554	+2
Shires IT	235	
Smaller CPS	77	
Stockhldrs	130	+1
Tr Aust IT	a90	
Tr Ind Gen	148	-1
Tr Tech IT	a91	-1
Tr Trustees	135	
Throgm Tr	244	+3
Trovest Inc	74½	
Trovest Cap	725	
Viking	77	

SA Mines

Stock	Price	Change
AA Corp	$14½	+½
AA Gold	$93½	+2
Blyvoor GM	$7 9/16	
Bracken M	199	
Buffs GM	$43½	+11
Doornfntn	$20½	+2
Driefontein	$27½	+1
E Rand Pr	$9½	-½
Fr Stt Ged	a$28½	+½
Gencor	$15½	+1
GFSA	$19½	+1
Groot Prop	$9½	+1
Harmony	$15½	+1
Hartebeest G	805c	+10
Joburg C In	$109	+2
Kloof GM	$43½	+1
Leslie GM	295c	+10
Lorraine	538c	+10
Mid Wit W	$12½	+1
Pres Brand	a$28½	+2
Pres Steyn	a$31	+½
Randfntn	$£41	+2
St Helena	$19½	+½
SA Land	285c	
Stilft GM	$8½	-1
Vaal Reefs	$101	+1
Vent GM	$10½	-½
Whitstela	19½c	
Welkom	a$9 9/16	+½
W Rand C	$4 15/16	-1/16
W Dren L	$49½	-1½
Westn Hds	a$35½	+1½
Winkelhk	$38½	+2

Mining

Stock	Price	Change
A-A Inv T	a544	
Ayer Htm	255	-5
Br Hill Prp	d363	-3
CharterCon	206	
Cons Gold	582	+5
Cons Murch	£41	
De Beers PF	£6	
Pma GMA	188	+2
M'lay T Dr	42	-1
Hmm (Tr)	95	+5
MTD (Mun)	13	
PNb B H'll	151	-2
Rio Tinto Z	a619	-5
Trench Mrs	245	
Wssls NT	110	
W Mining Co	a243	-2
Zbion Cop In	17	

New Issues

Stock	Price	Change
BR Telecom	163	-1½
Jaguar	278	
Osprey	70	
Our Price	450	-20
Robertson R	234	

a Ex dividend
b Offer assented
c Non assented
d Ex capital
e Ex rights
f Price adjusted
pp Part Paid

Oil

Stock	Price	Change
Amil Pet	60	+2
Brit-Borneo	320	
Bristol	16	-1
BP	550	+7
Britoil	220	+2
Burmah	a295	-5
Century	73	
Charterhall	a47	
C'house Pet	a106	-1
Clyde Pet	85	
Enterprise	a191	-1
Huntns Pt	a142	
Inm C Gas	353	+2
LASMO Ops	420	+5
LASMO Ord	a300	+2
Pretocon	a194	
Premier Con	51	+½
Rvl Dutch	£45 5/64	-½
Shell Trns	a700	-3
Tricentrol	a240	-1
Ultramar	a230	+5

Property

Stock	Price	Change
Allied Londn	a111	
Bellway	a131	
Bilton (P)	234	
Bradford Pro	425	
Brit Land	148	-3
Brixtn Est	135	-2
Cap & Cnt	211	-2
Clrncl Est	215	
Chesterfield	445	
Connells Est	a115	
Control Sec I	38	
Daejan	440	-5
Est Prp Inv	152	
Evans-Leeds	72	-1
Grt Port E	154	-2
Greycoat	204	
Haslemere-A	a450	-5
Haslemere	494	-6
Laing Prop	280	
Land Sec	338	-12
Lynton	313	-2
Marlborough	a56½	
MEPC	303	-7
Mountleigh	305	
Mountview	385	
Mucklow	a83	-3
Peachey Pr	268	
Prop Hldg	124	-1
Prop Sec In	124	
Raglan	81	
Rush & T	a234	
Samuel Prop	a163	
Scot Met P	85	
Slough Ests	a134	-3
Sterling	67	-1
Stock Conv	500	-5
Trafford Pk	205	
Utd Real	530	
Warnford	425	
Webb (J)	22	

Rubber

Stock	Price	Change
Barlow Hlds	103	-1
Grnd Cent	13	
High & Low	a85	

Shipping

Stock	Price	Change
Br & Com	291	-4
Common Br	68	
Hunts G	101	+2
IOM Stm	85	-5
Jacobs (J)	a89½	
LOFS	21	
Ocean T & T	a176	-3
P & O Dfd	346	-4
Reardon 'A'	10½	
Runciman	89	

Tea & Coffee

Stock	Price	Change
Camellia	£19½	
Lawrie	£17½	

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

TOURIST RATES—BANK SELLS

Austria	26.75	Greece	159	Portugal	210
Belgium	76.25	Ireland	1.22	Spain	212
Canada	1.73	Italy	2,430	Sweden	11.11
Denmark	13.80	Malta	0.57	Switzerland	3.21
France	11.61	Netherlands	4.31	USA	1.25
Germany	3.81	Norway	11.08	Yugoslavia	304

STERLING RATES

	Closing market rates	Previous closing rates	Forward Rates (one month)
Australia	1.8215–1.8230	1.7860–1.7875	
Austria	27.17–27.24	27.10–27.17	15.25 to 13.375 gro prem
Belgium	77.97–78.19	77.44–77.65	24c to 20c premium
Canada	1.7496–1.7542	1.7210–1.7256	0.45c to 0.30c premium
Denmark	13.93–13.97	13.89–13.92	4.75 to 3.75 ore premium
France	11.81–11.85	11.74–11.77	2.625 to 2c premium
Germany	3.87–3.88	3.84–3.85	2.5 to 2.25 pfg premium
Greece	169.12–172.97	168.50–172.16	
Hong Kong	9.80–9.82	9.68–9.69	
Ireland	1.2380–1.2390	1.2300–1.2323	
Italy	2,466–2,478	2,454–2,466	2 lire premium to 1 discount
Japan	317.37–317.99	314–315	
Netherlands	4.37–4.38	4.34–4.35	2.125c to 1.875c premium
Norway	11.20–11.24	11.12–11.14	0.625 ore prem to 0.125 dis
Portugal	216.24–221.59	217.31–222.59	100 to 420 esc discount
Spain	217.64–218.28	216.77–217.28	
Sweden	11.22–11.26	11.13–11.16	3.375 to 4 ore discount
Switzerland	3.25–3.26	3.23–3.24	2.25c to 2c premium
USA	1.2720–1.2735	1.2530–1.2545	0.5c to 0.47c premium

Dollar cross rates against: Swiss franc 2.56; French franc 9.28; DM 3.04; yen 247.75

INTEREST RATES

UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposit: 7–7.125	Building society mortgage: 13
Bank base rate: 12.5–12.75	Building society: 7.7 net
Bank overdraf: 15.75–18	Finance house rate: 13.5

US MONEY MARKETS %

	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
Treasury Bills	—	12½	12	—
Eligible bills	—	12 9/32	12 7/32	11⅞
Interbank rate	12⅞	12⅞	12⅞	12 7/16
Discount market	12½	—	—	—

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS %

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Eurodollar	8 5/16	8 9/16	8 7/16
Euro DM	5 9/16	5½	5½
Euro Fr fr	10 3/16	10 5/16	10 7/16
Euro Sw fr	5	5½	5½

US INTEREST RATES: Federal Funds 8⅞ US prime rates 10½

David Lacey in Rotterdam sets the scene for tonight's Cup-Winners' Cup final

Everton on Rapid double

SOCCER

EVERTON return to the scene of britain's first European triumph tonight knowing that the qualities which have won them the League championship should be enough to bring the cup-Winners' Cup to England for the fifth time. Howard Kendall's team ought to have too much pace, organisation and finishing power for Rapid Vienna.

In 1963, Tottenham Hotspure won the trophy by beating Atletico Madrid 5-1 in Rotterdam. Since then West Ham, Manchester City and Chelsea have also triumphed in this competition and it will be a surprise if Everton fail to emulate them.

With Rapid Vienna, however, you never know. Rapid, of course, are the club who were beaten by Celtic in the second round, winning 3-1 in Vienna but losing 3-0 at parkhead, only to be saved by UEFA's much criticised decision to re-play the second leg. The Austrians claimed that Weinhofer, one of their midfield players, had been forced to leave the pitch after being hit by a missile thrown from the terraces.

The match was played again, this time at Old Trafford, and Rapid won 1-0 to go through. The goal scorer, Pacult, and the goalkeeper were attacked by spectators and the whole business left a sour taste.

Rapid had lost the tie but won the argument, showing an ingenuity in their advocacy worthy of Metternich. For the final they are staying at The Hague with the International Court of Justice conveniently to hand.

Not that Everton can afford to regard tonight's game as a moral crusade. It would be idle to pretend that it is merely another game of football, but with the FA Cup final against Manchester United only three days away it is equally hard to treat the occasion as the real highlight of the Goodison club's week.

In some ways the sense of routine should help Everton, who will treat Rapid no differently from all their other opponents. Rapid will be looking to the 32-year-old Krankl, still lethal near goal, and Panenka, five years his senior, to use their experience of international competition to destroy Everton's dream of a remarkable treble.

The teams

Everton: Southall; Stevens, Van den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Sharp, Gray, Bracewell, Sheedy.

Rapid Vienna: Kousel; Lainer, Weber, Brauneder, Kranjar, Panenka, Hrstic, Wolfurth, Pacult, Krankl, Garger.

REFEREE: P. Casarin (Italy).

Roads to Rotterdam

EVERTON (away leg first).—First round: UC Dublin 0–0, 1–0. Second round: Inter Bratislava 1–0, 3–0. Quarter-finals: Fortuna Sittard 2–0, 3–0. Semi-finals: Bayern Munich 0–0, 3–1.

RAPID VIENNA (away leg first).—First round: Besiktas 1–1, 4–1. Second round: Celtic 0–3, 3–1. Replay: 1–0. Quarter-finals: Dynamo Dresden 0–3, 5–4. Semi-finals: Moscow Dynamo 1–1, 3–1.

Panenka, a member of the Czech team that won the 1976 European Championship, is a free-kick specialist, and Reid and Bracewell will want to deny him the space in midfield which he can use so well. The much younger Pacult, 24, showed astonishing acceleration when he broke away to score the decisive goal at Old Trafford and it is Rapid's strength in the counter-attack which will be the main danger to Everton.

Like Everton, Rapid are a team who never give up — which some regard as the understatement of the season. After the Celtic affair they lost 3-0 to Dynamo Dresden in East Germany, but won the return leg 5-0. To reach the final they knocked out Moscow Dynamo. Everton hope to be at full strength with Sheedy nursing a slight ankle injury but expecting to be fit. Presumable Richardson will take his place of he drops out.

The balance that Steven, Bracewell, Reid and Sheedy give the team will be important to Everton's chances as will Gray's aggresive, abrasive courage and Sharp's cooler qualities near goal. Even more will depend on Ratcliffe and Mountfield gaining an early mastery of their own penalty area and if Krankl, Panenka and Pacult find their best form, then Southall will be given further opportunities to the part he has played in Goodison's reawakening.

Until the second leg of their semi-final against Bayern Munich, Everton had not conceded a goal in the competition and the solidity of their defence remains fundamental to their success.

SHARP: Cool qualities

David Foot at Taunton

Golden touch by Tavare

CRICKET

Chris Tavare's century for Kent in their Benson and Hedges Cup tie against Somerset at Taunton yesterday was his third of the season — and his second in one-day games.

The Tavare technique has been refined and most of the old jibes about his supposed funereal scoring rate have become redundant. His almost-faultless 143, in effect, won the match for Kent and, because he never once had a serious rival, the gold award. The England selectors must surely be watching.

Tavare's hundred ranged over only 40 overs, with 15 true, hearty boundaries. There were five more from him by the time he was bowled in Kent's last over.

Ian Botham was to come later, of course, ready to provide anything but a token assault within a side which he knows is currently weak and leans excessively on his bellicose attitude at the crease. He hit six fours and a six for 45 in 30 balls, looking as always an exciting — and these days even, a lonely — figure of hope. Then he was out and Kent were on their way to a win by 102 runs.

Early on, Benson snicked liberally and with profit after Kent had been put in. Good fortune was abruptly redressed when he stumbled in hesitation as Tavare, the non-striker, charged for a single. Benson was run out at the bowler's end.

The Somerset bowling was not too much of a problem as Kent went to 100 by the 25th over, though the inexperienced and promising Turner gave away only 12 runs in his first six overs. By early afternoon, Kent were thrashing away without openly flogging. Botham conceded 46 runs in his last four overs. Davies 36 off three.

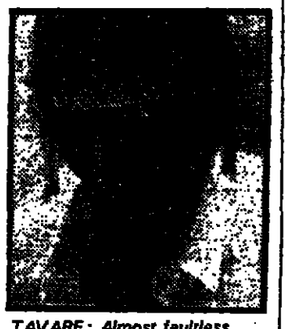
Cowdrey's innings was powerfully effective and ended with one of those superb catches of risible ease by Botham. Baptiste compiled runs with almost stealthy rapidity and Somerset, without Garner and Richards and three other injured regulars, could not conceal their mounting concern as they looked over their shoulders at the scoreboard.

For Somerset, Roebuck played on immediately. Wyatt faced up bravely and so, more so, did a dogged and vigilant Popplewell, who with Botham took 18 off an over from Cowdrey to generate premature and unrealistic expectations.

Botham still dared to look, as ever, a match-winner. He once or twice blocked and mostly blazed, and it was ironic that he was out to a wide, bad ball from Cowdrey, who had suffered enough to deserve success by default.

They were 134 after 30 overs but when Popplewell, aiming for mid-wicket, was bowled, the task — and the tail — seemed to be able to offer nothing much more. Marks struck 29 before being caught on the leg boundary by Tavare's ever-reliable hands.

The contest was over, though not the chance still to view a timeless cameo from Knott who stumped Palmer with as much agile skill as ever he showed 20 or more years ago. Turner, too, hit his first six in county cricket. But Somerset were left still looking for their first win at Taunton this season. That star-packaged West Indian consignment cannot arrive too soon.



TAVARE: Almost faultless

FRANK KEATING

Barlow kept from SA talks

AS THE England rugby team, which happily embarked from London on Sunday in such blithe and blinkered spirits, had their first experience of what could be a torrid and traumatic series of greetings round New Zealand, delegates to the United Nations Special Committee on Apartheid were gathering in Paris for its three-day conference starting tomorrow.

By the weekend, threats of a far more militant attitude to countries and individuals who "play with apartheid" are expected. The UN announced yesterday that the purpose of the conference, which is being organised in cooperation with the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa and the SA Non-Racial Olympic Committee, was "to intensify action against countries refusing to observe any boycott," and also "against individuals, teams, managers and administrators who collaborate with apartheid."

The former SA cricketer Eddie Barlow, who last year established a London office to put the bridge-builders' case, on behalf of the Republic's sporting bodies as opposed to their Government, was yesterday told he would not be welcome even to attend the Paris conference as an observer.

With decisions about participation by African countries in next year's Commonwealth Games awaited, there has been a flurry of activity by the lobbies of both sides. Battle lines are being drawn.

The Paris conference is being followed by an all-day public meeting at London's County Hall on Sunday by the Campaign for Fair Play which will be addressed by, among others, Peter Roebuck, the Somerset cricketer, Donald Woods, and Ron Pickering. Barlow, by the way, has been invited to that.

Yesterday a CFP delegation met the Australian High Commissioner in Brittain, Tony Parsons, to ask where his government stood on the proposed Australian "pirate" cricket tour to South Africa, and the implications of rugby union's World Cup, in which it is proposed to invite a South African team to enter.

Barlow meanwhile has responded to my profile of John Abrahams, Lancashire's Cape Coloured cricket captain. "There are a number of inaccuracies; Keating's article said that if John went back to South Africa he would be deemed a 'privileged, honorary white'. If any sportsman or individual from any walk of life, no matter what colour, chose to visit SA, his passport would be stamped in the normal way as any other visitor, and not deemed 'honorary white'.

"Keating refers to John and his father visiting Newlands cricket ground, "where they sat in the Non-Whites cage and where neither father nor son would ever be allowed to play.' Indeed this was the situation 15 years ago, but it is certainly not the situation now. Sportsmen of any race, colour or creed are allowed to play at all the grounds under the control of the South African Cricket Union. There is no segregation at any ground in SA and the 'Non-Whites cage' to which Keating refers is non-existent and has been since 1976.

"Let me also say how delighted I am that John Abrahams has overcome the barriers that existed when he was a boy in SA. It is only too sad for me to read of the misdemeanours of the past in my country. No apology to John or his family could repair the hurt."

Robert Armstrong — Ipswich 0, Coventry 0

Mackay's men hang by thread

Coventry City won new friends with enterprising football but failed to produce goals or enough survival points against Ipswich at Portman Road last night. Don Mackay's side need to win their remaining three games to stand a realistic chance of overtaking Norwich or West Ham and remaining in the First Division.

Coventry displayed discipline and invention that frequently made nonsense of their lowly status. While Hibbitt fetched and carried in modified and Adams probed down the left, Gynn gave Regis the kind of one-touch service that tends to leave defenders standing square and immobile.

The Sky Blues were less impressive at the back, often falling into the trap of watching the ball instead of countering the mercurial movements of Gates, Wilson and Dozzell. Wilson might have scored early on when he escaped Peake and Kilcline but hammered his shot over the bar.

The East Anglians also lived dangerously, getting caught by the pace of Regis and the aerial aggression of Kilcline who was unlucky to see a back-header from a corner rebound off the top of the bar. Butcher seemed unsure of his footing on the rain-soaked pitch while Burley took time to adjust his sliding tackles to Adams's acceleration.

A more stringent referee might have awarded Ipswich a penalty when Gynn barged Gates off the ball as he bore down on Ogrizovic but Mr Bodenham, a squash player, is doubtless accustomed to vigorous body-contact in the heat of battle.

Coventry's cause took a turn for the worse on the half hour when Hibbitt, who injured his leg, was forced to retire in favour of McGrath. Ipswich seemed to take heart from their opponents' adversity, though their movements usually lacked the killing touch inside the Coventry goal area.

Nevertheless, the combined threat of Regis and Gibson could not be discounted, with the roving Bennett also on red alert as Cooper found when he had to turn his 25-yard drive away for a corner.

Two minutes after the interval Ipswich had a glorious chance to take the lead when Wilson pounced on Peake's mistimed header and sprinted into the penalty box. However, Ogrizovic narrowed the angle, spread himself, and blocked the striker's venomous drive which was then swept to safety.

Ipswich Town: Cooper; Burley, Yallop, Zondervan, Cranson, Butcher, Parkin, Brennan, Dozzell, Wilson, Gates.

Coventry City: Ogrizovic; Butterworth, Pearce, Hibbitt, Kilcline, Peake, Bennett, Gynn, Regis, Gibson, Adams.

Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton).

Patrick Barclay

Scots recall Gray

Scotland, whose recent performances have suggested an urgent need for a heart transplant, appropriately brought Andy Gray back into their squad yesterday for the match against England in Glasgow a week on Saturday and the World Cup tie in Iceland three days later.

The 29-year-old striker, regarded by club-mates as a driving force behind Everton's resurgence, last played for Scotland during the summer tour of Canada two years ago. He returns along with the uncapped Goodison striker, Graeme Sharp, who has scored 30 goals this season, to a squad shorn of Kenny Dalglish and other Liverpool players by that club's appearance in the European Cup final.

Scotland need to win in Iceland to increase their chances of reaching next summer's finals after successive defeats by Spain and Wales. Should they drop a point, Jock Stein's players would almost certainly have to win in Wales in September to qualify for a play-off against the winners of the Oceania Group. Victory in Reykjavik would reduce the Cardiff requirement to a draw.

Stein, who has dropped Charlie Nicholas and restored his abrasive former Celtic team-mate Roy Aitken, outlined his needs in Reykjavik thus: "We want people who will get their heads down and work hard. They will have to be prepared to fight, as the pitch and weather up there can be difficult."

The manager added that he worried about the fitness of his players, 10 of whom will shortly be involved in at least one cup final. Gray and Sharp, for example, will play for Everton in the European Cup-winners' Cup final tonight.

SCOTLAND SQUAD v. England at Hampden, May 25, and v. Iceland in Reykjavik, May 29): Leighton (Aberdeen), Rough (Hibernian); Albiston (Man United), Gough (Dundee United), McLeish (Aberdeen), Miller (Aberdeen), Aitken (Celtic), Malpas (Dundee United), Sommess (Sampdoria), Strachan (Man United), P. McStay (Celtic), Batt (Loleren), Simpson (Aberdeen), Johnston (Celtic), Archibald (Barcelona), Sharp (Everton), Gray (Everton), Sturrock (Dundee United), Cooper (Rangers).

SCOTLAND U-21 SQUAD (v. Iceland in Reykjavik, May 27).—Goms (Aberdeen), Bruce (Rangers), McKimmie (Aberdeen), Burns (Rangers), Clarke (St Mirren), McKinlay (Dundee), McPherson (Rangers), Hegg (Manchester United), Cooper (Aberdeen), Beaumont (Dundee United), Levine (Hearts), Grant (Celtic), Rice (Hibernian), McClair (Celtic), Harris (Chelsea), Robertson (Hearts), Black (Aberdeen), Speedie (Chelsea).

Simon Inglis
Chelsea 1, Norwich 2

Bruce's late lifeline

A LATE goal by Steve Bruce gave Norwich City three vital points in their struggle to avoid relegation, but they must now await the results of Coventry and West Ham's remaining games before knowing if they are to become the first European qualifiers to be relegated in the same season. Ironically, their win means that Chelsea will now not qualify for the UEFA Cup.

That either team's fate should have been decided in such tracherous conditions bordered on the ridiculous. As heavy rain poured down relentlessly on an already sodden pitch, which the referee inspected and apparently passed without hesitation two hours before the kick-off, the playrs struggled not only to keep their feet but also to thwack the ball out of a puddle which covered more than half the Stamford Bridge pitch.

Chelsea were the first to pay for these conditions, whes after 16 minutes an apparently innocuous tangle between Deehan and Pates resulted in the award o a penalty for hand-ball. Norwich nearly lost this, their only real chance of the first-half, when Deehan's spot kick was parried by Niedzwiecki, but Hartford was quick to follow up the rebound to put Norwich ahead.

In the liquified lottery which followed, however, Chelsea began to push forward with greater purpose, the tenacious approach of Nevin proving to be their ghreatest asset.

Speedie was put through in the 21st minute but Woods slithered bravely off his line to smother his shot, and more neat footwork by Nevin in the 32nd minute gave Lee the opportunity to send in a hard cross which none of his colleagues could reach.

Four minutes from the break Chelsea finally gained reward for their labouts when Nevin lifted a cross from the left into the box, where Joey Jones nodded the ball on to Thomas who scored with his head from two yards out.

Thes moves apart, the first half was a arce, with the players, mainly those with blue patches on their muddy kits, trying manfully to produce some semblence of football on the glistening surface.

Chelsea: Niedzwiecki, Lee, J. Jones, Pates, McLaughlin, Bumstead, Nevin, Speckman, Dixon, Speedie, Thomas.

Norwich: Woods; Haylock, Van Wyk, Bruce, Meadhaen, Watson, Barham, Rosario, Deehan, Hartford, Downs.

Referee: L. Burden (Dorset).

HECTIC HAMMER . . . Bonds scored and was booked later

Jack Massarik — West Ham 5, Stoke City 1

Bonds stokes up fresh safety hope

West Ham are not safe yet, but the five goals they scored at Upton Park last night—two of them, by Bonds and Hilton, coming in the final minute—gives them new hope. They must win one of their last two games to be sure of avoiding relegation.

Stoke's only reward was a penalty by Painter in the 75th minute.

West Ham, needing five points from their last three games to avoid relegation without the help of any other struggling side, kicked off to a tremendous roar of encouragement from their supporters.

Leaden skies and drizzle ensured it should be no easy task, as the players slithered unhappily on a muddy surface that occasionally stopped passes short.

Stoke opened with the lethargic approach of a side already doomed to relegation along with Sunderland and it took West Ham only 15 minutes to allay their fears by taking the lead. Stewart drove a Stoke clearance back into the goalmouth, where Goddard's shot was only parried by Fox for Bonds to score from close range.

Pike, restored to the West Ham side, put them two up after 34 minutes, when a determined run by Barnes led to Martin's header being cleared off the line. Pike netted the rebound.

In the 38th minute the referee awarded a penalty when Dyson floored Bonds as Barnes's free kick came over. Stewart, who had missed his spot kick at Hillsborough on Saturday, was aghast when he shot straight at Fox, but the referee ruled that Saunders had encroached and ordered a re-take. This time Stewart found the left-hand corner to put West Ham 3-0 ahead.

The rain continued to fall after the interval and there was no respite for Stoke's defence either. Hilton, substitute for Orr at half-time, beat three men in midfield but cheers died as his pass was intercepted.

West Ham.—Parkes: Stewart, Brush, Orr, Martin, Gale, Barnes, Bonds, Goddard, Cottee, Pike.

Stoke City.—Fox: Bould, Saunders, Dodd, Dyson, Mackerry, Painter, McIlroy, Hemmings, Berkovitch, Heath.

Referee.—J. Martin (Alton).

Donald Stewart at Kilmarnock

Former champions lead

GOLF

Two former champions, Belle Robertson of Dunaverty, and the local club member, Alison Gemmill, shared the lead with three-over-par rounds of 76 in the first qualifying round of the Scottish Women's Championship at Kilmarnock Barassie yesterday, but their rounds were played in contrasting styles.

Miss Gemmill shot 15 pars and three bogeys, whereas Mrs Robertson rescued a poor in ward half by helping herself to two birdies and an eagle at successive holes from the 12th.

Gemmill, the 1981 champion and a strong favourite to win again this week, twice three-puted on the inward half, at the 12th and 16th, and she failed to gethome at the long 14th in two. Robertson, six times winner of the title and a former Curtis Cup captain, dropped three shots to par on the outward half.

She more than made amends with her splendid scoring from the 12th, getting home in two at the first of those holes for a birdie, sinking a 10-foot putt for another at the 13th, and thenproducing a n eagle at the 406-yard 14th, which she covered with a drive, six-iron and 12-foot putyt.

One stroke behind the leaders are two young challengers — Jane Leishman of Turnberry, the current Ayrshire champion, and Julie Forbes, the 18-year-old former North of Scotland champion, who works in a fish-and-chip shop in Aboyne.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Benson and Hedges Cup
Hants v. Glamorgan

SOUTHAMPTON: Glamorgan are 235 runs behind Hampshire with eight wickets standing and 33 overs left. Rain stopped play. Today: 11.0 to 7.30.

HAMPSHIRE

C. G. Greenidge c and b Holmes	99
V. P. Terry c Holmes b Thomas	2
M. J. Nicholas c Davies b Derrick	74
R. A. Smith c Holmes b Thomas	47
D. R. Turner b Barwick	18
M. D. Marshall c Davies b Thomas	10
N. G. Cowley b Thomas	6
K. D. James run out	14
T. M. Tremlett c Davies b Barwick	1
R. J. Parks not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 19, w 2, nb 1)	23
Total (for 9, 55 overs)	294

Fall of wickets: 9, 157, 217, 253, 270, 272, 283, 284, 294.

Did not bat: C. A. Connor.

Bowling: Thomas 10–1–58–4; Barwick 10–1–43–2; Steele 4–0–35–0; Derrick 9–2–47–1; Ontong 11–0–55–0; Holmes 11–0–55–1.

Umpires: J. H. Harris and M. J. Kitchen.

GLAMORGAN

J. A. Hopkins lbw b Connor	5
C. C. Holmes not out	29
S. P. Henderson c Nicholas b James	16
Javed Miandad not out	3
Extras (lb 3 nb 8)	6
Total (for 2, 22 overs)	59

Fall of wickets: 19, 52.

To bat: Younis Ahmed, R. C. Ontong, J. E. Thomas, J. Derrick, J. F. Steele, T. Davis, S. R. Barwick.

Gloucs v. Scotland

BRISTOL: Scotland are 145 runs behind Gloucestershire with seven wickets standing and 47.3 overs left. Rain stopped play. Today: 11.0 to 7.30

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A. W. Stovold c Black b Duthie	9
P. W. Romaines c Donald b Duthie	5
C. W. Athey c Donald b Ker	22
P. Bainbridge b McPate	53
B. F. Davison c Brown b Ker	6
K. M. Curran not out	53
J. N. Shepherd c Henry b Ker	1
D. A. Graveney run out	3
R. C. Russell c Russell b McPate	0
D. V. Lawrence not out	22
Extras (lb 6 w 4)	10
Total (for 8, 55 overs)	184

Fall of wickets: 10, 16, 63, 71, 122, 129, 138, 139.

Did not bat: C. A. Walsh.

Bowling: Hoof 11–0–37–0; Duthie 11–2–35–2; McPate 11–1–38–2; Henry 11–2–39–0; Ker 11–1–23–2.

Umpires: A. G. Whitehead and P. B. Wight.

SCOTLAND

W. A. Donald c Russell b Lawrence	7
D. J. Simpson run out	2
R. G. Swan not out	10
G. Henry c Athey b Walsh	1
A. Brown not out	1
Extras (lb3, w4, nb10)	17
Total (for 3, 13.3 overs)	38

Fall of wickets: 15, 22, 31.

To bat: T. M. Black, D. Hoof, A. B. Russell, P. G. Duthie, W. A. McPate, J. E. Ker.

No Play Yesterday
ONE-DAY MATCH

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v. Australians, rain.

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP

DERBY: Derbyshire v. Northamptonshire, rain. Today: 11.0 to 7.30.

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v. Yorkshire, rain. Today: 11.0 to 7.30.

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v. Worcestershire, rain. Today: 11.0 to 7.30.

Warwickshire U-25 Competition

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v. Somerset abandoned. (Rain).

Somerset v. Kent

TAUNTON: Kent beat Somerset by 102 runs.

KENT

M. R. Benson run out	34
S. G. Hinks b Davis	9
C. J. Tavare b Davis	143
D. G. Aslett lbw b Palmer	3
C. S. Cowdrey c Botham b Palmer	41
E. A. E. Baptiste not out	43
A. P. E. Knott run out	5
G. W. Johnson not out	2
Extras (lb 3, w 3, nb 7)	13
Total (for 6, 55 overs)	293

Fall of wickets: 20, 58, 73, 172, 286, 291.

Did not bat: G. R. Dilley, D. L. Underwood, K. B. S. Jarvis.

Bowling: Botham 11–1–62–0; Davis 11–0–84–2; Turner 11–2–42–0; Palmer 11–1–56–2; Marks 11–1–46–0.

Umpires: B. Duddleston and D. G. L. Evans.

SOMERSET

P. W. Roebuck b Dilley	0
J. G. Wyatt b Cowdrey	22
I. V. Popplewell b Underwood	37
R. L. Ollis c Tavare b Baptiste	2
I. T. Botham c Knott b Cowdrey	45
V. J. Marks c Tavare b Johnson	29
R. J. Harden c Baptiste b Johnson	7
G. V. Palmer st Knott b Johnson	2
H. R. Davis c Tavare b Jarvis	16
M. S. Turner c Baptiste b Jarvis	19
T. Gard not out	1
Extras (lb 5, w 3, nb 3)	11
Total (48.4 ovrs)	191

Fall of wickets: 2, 37, 40, 101, 135, 148, 152, 152, 180.

Bowling: Dilley 8–0–18–1; Jarvis 7.4–0–33–2; Baptiste 6–1–20–1; Cowdrey 7–0–51–2; Underwood 11–1–23–1; Johnson 9–0–41–3.

Gold award: Tavare.

Surrey v. Essex

THE OVAL: Surrey are 7 for no wicket off 2 over against Essex (rain stopped play). Today: 11.0 to 7.30.

SURREY

A. R. Butcher not out	2
G. S. Clinton not out	4
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (for 0, 2 overs)	7

To bat: A. J. Stewart, T. E. Jesty, M. A. Lynch, D. B. Pauline, C. Richards, D. J. Thomas, G. Monkhouse, N. S. Taylor, P. I. Pocock.

ESSEX.—G. A. Gooch, P. J. Prichard, K. S. McEwan, D. R. Pringle, K. W. R. Fletcher, N. R. Hardie, A. W. Lilley, S. Turner, D. E. East, N. A. Foster, J. K. Lever.

Umpires: A. A. Jones, R. Julian.

Sussex v. Middlesex

HOVE: Middlesex are 101 for 2 off 26 overs against Sussex (rain stopped play). Today: 11.0 to 7.30.

MIDDLESEX

D. Barlow lbw b Greig	19
W. N. Slack lbw b Le Roux	1
M. W. Gatting not out	44
R. O. Butcher not out	25
Extras (lb 8, w 2, nb 2)	12
Total (for 2, 26 overs)	101

Fall of wickets: 8, 46.

To bat: C. T. Radley, P. R. Downton, J. E. Emburey, P. H. Edmonds, N. F. Williams, A. R. C. Fraser, W. W. Daniel.

SUSSEX: G. D. Mendis, A. M. Green, P. W. G. Parker, A. P. Wells, Imran Khan, C. M. Wells, J. R. T. Barclay, I. A. Greig, I. J. Gould, D. A. Reeve, S. S. Le Roux.

Umpires: K. E. Lyons and K. E. Palmer.

Starting today
Second XI Championship

TADINGTON: Midd v. Kent.

KNOWLE AND DORRIDGE: Warwicks v. Lancashire.

DUDLEY: Worcs v. Derby.

HULL: Yorks v. Glam.

NOTTINGHAM: Notts v. Leics.

RESULTS

Soccer

CANON LEAGUE.—First Division.—Chelsea 1, Norwich 2; Ipswich 1, Coventry 0; Southampton 1, Liverpool 1; West Ham 5, Stoke 1. Tottenham 2, Sheffield Wed. 0.

THIRD DIVISION.—Bristol 1, York 1; Reading 0, Gillingham 2.

FOURTH DIVISION.—Darlington 1, Torquay 0; Rochdale 2, Mansfield 1.

WELSH CUP—FINAL.—First Leg.— Shrewsbury 3, Bangor 1.

TESTIMONIAL MATCH (Dennis Mortimer).—Aston Villa 1 England XI 4.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION.—Birmingham 0, Chelsea 1. Postponed: Millwall v. Arsenal.

Squash Rackets

AUTIN REED—SAAB CH'SHIP.—Scottish (Regional Final: Hamilton).—Scottish and Newcastle Breweries (Edinburgh) beat Bristol (Glasgow) 2–1.

Tennis

ITALIAN OPEN (Rome).—First Round: M. Wilander (Swe) beat C. Motta (Braz) 7–6, 6–2; T. Smid (Czech) beat S. Meister (US) 2–6, 6–3, 6–2, M. Leach (US), beat D. Perez (Uru) 6–2, 6–4; M. Gierz (It) beat H. Schwaier (W. Ger) 6–1, 4–6, 6–3; B. Willenbrug (US), beat M. Schapers (Neth) 6–3, 7–6; P. McNamee (Aus) beat A. Krickstein (US), 6–4, 7–6; Y. Noah (Fr), beat F. Segarceanu (Rom), 6–3, 6–2; E. Sanchez (Sp) beat H. Gildemeister (Chile), 4–6, 6–3, 6–0.

M. Mecir (Czech) beat M. Narducci (Italy) 7–6, 6–3; S. Zivojinovic (Yugo) beat F. Luna (Sp) 6–0, 2–6, 6–3; T. Tulasne (Fr) beat V. Gerulaitis (US) 6–3, 6–2; A. Jarryd (Swe) beat V. Pecci (Para) 7–6, 6–2.

VICTORIA WOMEN'S CH'SHIP (Melbourne).—First round: B. White (US) beat A. Hobbs (Britain) 6–3, 6–2, 6–0; S. Walsh (US) beat V. Vermaak (SA) 7–6, 6–4; A. Croft (Britain) beat M. Schillig (US) 6–2, 6–3; H. Ludloff (US) beat C. Watson (US) 7–6, 6–1; S. Gomer (Britain) beat E. Smylie (Aus) 6–3, 7–5; P. Shriver (US) beat L. Bartos (Hun) 3–6, 6–1, 6–0.

WEST GERMAN WOMEN'S OPEN.—Second Round: M. Skuherska (Czech) beat C. Durie (GB) 6–2, 6–4; I. Budarova (Czech) beat C. Jewell (Swe) 6–1, 6–4; T. Scheuer-Larsen (Den) beat R. Wieser (W Ger) 6–2, 6–1; P. Paradis (Fr) beat R. Marsikova (Czech) 6–7, 7–5, 6–1; N. Narreman (Fr) beat S. Meier (W Ger) 6–3, 6–0; C. Spirs (Fr) beat K. Skronska (Czech) 6–7, 7–5, 6–2; G. Purdy (US) beat R. Uys (SA) 5–7, 6–3, 6–3.

G. Rim (US) beat I. Demongeot (Fr) 6–2, 7–5; M. C. Calleja (Fr) beat B. Herr (US) 6–2, 6–3; P. Kappeler (W. Ger) beat K. Kinsey (US) 6–4, 6–3; A. Villagran (Arg) beat L. McNeil (US) 6–4, 7–6.

LTA SUPERLINK CIRCUIT (Lee-on-Solent).—Men's Singles. First rounds: P. Johnson beat P. Flynn (Aus) 6–2, 6–0; M. Kratzmann (Aus) beat L. Alfred (Wales) 6–3, 6–1; J. Bates (Surrey) beat M. Billcow (Northants) 6–0, 6–4; S. Youl (Aus) beat M. Baroch (Aus) 6–2, 6–2; C. Allwarth (Swe) beat M. Walker (Wales) 6–4, 7–5; N. Fallwood (Derbys) beat R. Drysdale (Essex) 4–6, 6–2, 6–3.

Women's Singles. First Round: S. Mair (Scot) beat L. O'Neil (Aus) 6–3, 6–3; J. Wood (Middx) beat J. Louis (Devon) 6–2, 6–1; D. Meise (Rom) beat F. Ozawa (Jap) 6–1, 6–3; S. Reeves (Kent) beat R. Seeman (NZ) 6–4, 4–6, 6–4; S. Almgren (Swe) beat D. Castillejo (Philippines) 7–5, 6–2; Karlsson (Swe) beat M. Lundquist (Swe) 7–6, 6–4; E. Reinach (SA) beat K. Schimper (SA) 6–2, 6–1; L. Gracie (Lancs) beat B. Borneo (Beds) 6–0, 4–6, 6–3; L. Vanberg (Den) beat A. Bjork (Swe) 6–2, 6–3.

MADRID GRAND PRIX.—First Round: D. Tarr (SA) beat H. Lecante (Fr) 7–6, 2–6, 7–6; A. Maurer (W Ger) beat H. Guenthardt (Swit) 2–6, 7–5, 7–6; L. Donoso (US) beat A. Fillol (Chile) 6–2, 6–2; J. Nystrom (Swe) beat F. Maciel (Mex) 6–2, 6–0; C. Limberger (Aust) beat R. Vivar (Ec) 6–1, 6–4; A. Tous (Sp) beat Z. Kukarsky (Swit) 6–0, 6–4; R. Gehring (W. Ger) beat G. Barbosa (Braz), 7–6, 6–3.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE.—Detroit 7, Texas 4; Kansas City 5, Baltimore 2; New York Yankees 9 Minnesota 8; Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—Houston 3 Montreal 2; Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 3; Atlanta 1, New York Mets 0.

FIXTURES

Soccer
(7.30 unless stated)

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP FINAL.—Everton v. Rapid Vienna (Rotterdam, 7.15).

FRIENDLY.—Barnet v. Brentford.

CENTRAL LEAGUE.—First Division: Derby v. Liverpool (6.30); Sheffield Wed v. Stoke (7.0). Second Division: Doncaster v. Bolton. Football Combination.—Luton v. Swansea (2.0). Portsmouth v. Charlton (2.0). Swindon v. Tottenham (2.30).

Athletics

FOUR-TEAM MEETING.—AAA v. Londborough v. Borough Road College v. Birmingham Univ (Crystal Palace NSC).

SOCCER IN BRIEF

Spurs snag on Waddle

CHRIS WADDLE, Newcastle's England striker, agreed personal terms with Tottenham yesterday. But the deal cannot be finalised because Newcastle will not sign the relevant document. Spurs have offered £550,000 for Waddle, but Newcastle are prepared to hang on to him until his contract expires on June 30 in the hope that another club will make a higher offer.

Chelsea are understood to have made an acceptable bid of more than £600,000, but Waddle wants to join Spurs. "Newcastle can't make him talk to any other clubs," said a Football League official.

PAUL POWER, the Manchester City captain, has had to postpone his testimonial match against Manchester United because police charges were prohibitive. City were scheduled to meet United at Maine Road next Monday, with Power set to collect up to £100,000.

The police wanted £15,000 to control the crowd, with a similar payment if the match had to be put back because of an FA Cup final replay. Power said yesterday: "I would have thought the police would have had confidence in the Greater Manchester public behaving themselves. It could have been a carnival occasion and I'm upset about their response."

FRANK GRAY, Leeds's Scottish international utility player, is available for transfer after failing to agree terms with his brother Eddie, the club's manager. The player signed for Leeds as a 16-year-old in 1971, was sold to Nottingham Forest for £500,000 in 1979 and re-signed in 1981 for £300,000.

DEREK STATHAM, West Bromwich Albion's England full-back, was placed on the transfer list yesterday after a meeting with manager Johnny Giles. Statham said: "I was told I was being made available for offers because of the club's economic situation."

LUTHER BLISSETT has been detained in hospital for a further 24 hours. Blissett was carried off in Watford's victory over Manchester United on Monday after a collision with Gary Bailey in which he suffered a head injury. Precautionary X-rays confirmed that there was no skull fracture. Yesterday Blissett had a severe headache and needed 10 stitches above his right eye.

NEIL WEBB, Portsmouth's England U-21 midfield player, has told the Second Division club he intends to leave when his contract expires next month. Webb has decided to turn down a contract worth more than £100,000 to stay for a further three years. Pompey value Webb at £500,000.

BILL ASPREY has officially resigned as manager of Stoke City. Asprey, suspended on full pay in April, has handed in his notice at the Victoria Ground. The relegated club is currently being managed on a caretaker basis by Tony Lacey.

IAN BUTTERWORTH, the Coventry defender, is almost certain to be withdrawn from next week's England U-21 match. Coventry manager Don Mackay said yesterday: "I would love him to play but we shall need him for matches vital to our First Division survival." England are playing Finland next Tuesday, but Coventry are at home to Luton on Thursday.

RANGERS will be flown free by British Caledonian to tomorrow night's benefit match at Chelsea in aid of the Bradford disaster appeal. Chelsea's coach firm, the Crawley-based Two's Company, will provide free travel during the Glasgow club's two-day stay, and the Metropole Hotel, Brighton, free accommodation and meals.

SPORT IN BRIEF

HOCKEY: Roger Self and David Whitaker, manager and coach of Great Britain's bronze medal-winning Olympic team, will take part in a coaching seminar for the leading men's and women's officials of all the home countries from May 31 to June 2, *writes Pat Rourley.*

West Germany, who beat England 2-1 on Sunda, won 3-1 against Ireland in Dublin yesterday with two goals by Joachin Horter and a short-corner goal by Carlsten Fischer. Colin Allister scored for Ireland after a short corner.

CYCLING: Eight riders new to the milk race have been named to carry the home amateur challenge in the major international which open in Bournemouth on May 26. Chris Walker and Adrian Timmis are in the Great Britain team with other first-timers, Pete Sanders and Gary Newbold.

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David Frost in Whangarei on a startling start to the tour of New Zealand

A bomb hoax for England

RUGBY UNION

ANDY Simpson, the Sale hooker, became the first *casualty* of the England tour, and indirectly the first victim of New Zealand's anti-South African feelings, when he gashed his head while clambering into a Fokker *Friendship* at Auckland airport after the plane had been temporarily evacuated following a hoax bomb scare.

The England party had arrived on time at Auckland at the end of their flight across the world and transferred to the Friendship for the short flight north to Whangerei, where the tour starts on Saturday with a match against North Auckland. The Friendship had just taxied to the end of the runway, ready for take off, when the pilot received a message from the control tower about a phone call saying a bomb was on board.

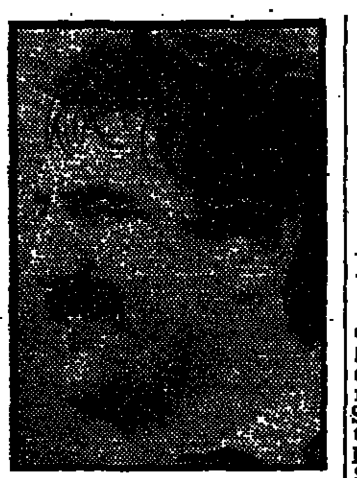
In view of the recent threats of disruption because of the All Blacks' tour of South Africa later this summer the pilot decided not to take any chances. He called for the doors to be opened, and everyone had to jump out without the aid of steps. Twenty-five minutes later everyone was allowed to re-embark and it was while climbing back, with the vigorous assistance of Steve Bainbridge, that Simpson struck his head.

The team manager, Derek Morgan, who is a dentist, immediately inserted four stitches in the wound but Simpson is not expected to be fit enough for consideration for Saturday's match.

Meanwhile the bulk, if that is the right word, of the press party had flown without incident to Whangarei in a six-seater Cessna piloted by a woman. Was this, we wondered, the first fruits of the appointment of New Zealand's first ever Minister for Women's Affairs?

The 30-hour journey from Gatwick to Whangarei had begun on none too *happy* a note. While the Air New Zealand jumbo was still at Gatwick, the chief steward's voice came menacingly through the loudspeaker system: "Let's have a bit of control from that rugby club right from the start. Otherwise we shall have trouble on this flight."

It was not only a gratuitous insult to refer in public to the England's team as a club side. More than that, the players were doing nothing wrong. They were merely removing their blazers and ties — a sensible preparation for the 10-hour first hop to Los Angeles.



SIMPSON: First casualty

By the time we reached Auckland, the jumbo had acquired its second relief crew of cabin staff. Their chief steward overdid the amends for his predecessor's insult. "We would like to extend a hearty welcome to the British Lions," he said.

One got the impression that New Zealanders may not be quite as fanatical about rugby as they used to be. It was reassuring, however, to read in the local paper that a son of Colin Meads, Glynn, was playing as a loose forward in yesterday's All Black trial. One of the trial sides was captained by Dave Loveridge, the All Black scrum-half who missed last season because of injury.

A long day ended more happily for the England party with an efficient and spirited training session directed by Martin Green, the new England coach, in golden evening *sunlight* on a ground fringed with palm trees. There were no more casualties, and even Simpson, with those stitches in his head, took a full part in the *touch rugby. There* will be a harder session today.

Fatah Flare boosts Oh So Sharp

RACING

Richard Baerlein

News that the £1,000 Guineas winner Oh So Sharp, will go for the Gold Seal Oaks came out before yesterday's running of the Musidora Stakes at York in which Henry Cecil ran Fatah Flare and Ever Genial. Thus, Oh So Sharp, 8-1 on Monday, came down with a rattle, ending best priced at 9-2.

Steve Cauthen, who had been down to ride Ever Genial over the weekend, changed to Fatah Flare on Monday evening and that proved a wise move. Fatah Flare made all the running, with Ever Genial her chief challenger until the final furlong, when Ever Genial cried enough to finish eight lengths third. At the same time Pat Eddery, who had been some way behind on Dubian, came with a storming run. It was just too late and Dubian seemed an unlucky loser failing by threequarters of a length to catch Fatah Flare.

Nevertheless Eddery would like to ride Dubian again in the Oaks, for which Hill's offer the best price of 12-1 with 7-1 the top from rival firms.

The favourite here, Helen Street, who had also been well backed for the Oaks, ran a miserable race.

Fatah Flare, on whom *Cauthen showed admirable* enterprise, will run in the French Oaks, a race for which Oh So Sharp was the originally nominated stable runner. Both carry the colours of Sheikh *Mohammed, who together with* his brothers, is sweeping the board with the big prizes.

In an earlier race it was Rouse on Rye Tops who got first run to beat Steve Cauthen *half* a length on the favourite, Shadywood. Shadywood had so much ground to make up with two furlongs to go that her chance appeared hopeless.

Normally York's Mecca-Dante Stakes, producing only St Paddy in 1960 and Shirley Heights in 1978 in 27 years, cannot compare with the Highland Spring Derby Trial at Lingfield or The Guardian Classic Trial at Sandown as a Derby guide.

However, before yesterday's torrential rain and thunderstorms today's running looked more important than most and seemed likely to solve a number of issues, with four of the runners strongly fancied both here and in the Derby.

The Guardian Trial winner, Damister, is not one of the four but he will provide a good yardstick. He finished a length in front of Petoski and the latter went on to run Law Society to two and a half lengths at Chester. Therefore to be considered as a Derby possible today's winner will have to finish well in front of Damister.

The performance of Vin de France will be the deciding fact in Steve Cauthen's choice of Derby mounts.

A most reliable source indicated to me during the winter that the then unraced Vin de France would win the Derby. The colt was not tuned up and had a hopeless draw when fourth to Miller's Mate first time out. He then slammed a field of 21 maidens at Kempton, which did not mean a great deal.

Paul Cole has his stable in grand form and has kept the unbeaten Reach especially for this event. He is held in the highest esteem in a stable with a number of high-class three-year-olds including the eight-lengths Kempton winner, Pochard, said to be well inferior to Reach. Reach can be assessed only on last year's form, good as it was.

Les Arcs, a stable companion of Shadeed, has been going very well at home since beating Esquire and Slip Anchor in the Gerry Fielden Stakes over one mile one furlong at Newmarket in the middle of April. He was far more forward than Slip Anchor that day and the two subsequent victories of Slip Anchor could give a false impression.

There is no doubt Les Arcs is a very high-class colt and has been the ante-post favourite all week. It was on the soft side when he won at Newmarket.

Royal Harmony is perhaps the most interesting runner after finishing fourth in the General Accident 2,000 Guineas on his seasonal debut some five lengths behind the third, Supreme Leader.

Barry Hills has been very patient with this good looking colt for whom the Derby has always been the target. He finished three lengths behind Reach in the Royal Lodge Stakes when a great big baby.

Hills told me just before racing yesterday that he did not want any more rain for his colt. Three hours later, as we were leaving the course with the second thunderstorm of the afternoon in full flood, pools were beginning to form in the paddock and on the track while there was no sign of the rain stopping. Therefore, because he is likely to handle the ground better, I change from Royal Harmony to Les Arcs.

Only horses that go in the deep need be considered this afternoon and for that reason I take Try To Stop Me to beat Tug Top and Roman Beach in the Hambleton Handicap.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS: Nap — TRY TO STOP ME (3.40 York); Next best — LES ARCS (3.10 York).

YORK CARD

2 00 Nomination
2 35 Eastern Chief
3 10 LES ARCS (nap)
3 40 Fandango Beat (nb)
4 10 Miranda
4 40 Flying Saucer

JACKPOT & PLACEPOT: All six races
DRAW: LOW numbers best over 5 & 6f particularly on soft ground
★—DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good to firm

2 0—"SEE IT ALIVE" IN YORKSHIRE STAKES: 2-Y-0; 6f; £3,392 (8 runners).

102 (5) 1 MAZAAD (Sheikh Mohammed) H. Cecil 9-3 .... S. Cauthen
103 (3) 12 NOMINATION (BF) (F. Salman) P. Cole 9-3 .... T. Quinn
104 (8) 31 OLD BROWNIE (E. Assetts) A. Bailey 9-3 .... L. Piggott
106 (6) 1 RUNNING EDGE (G. Martin) M. Lambert 9-3 .... Pat Eddery
107 (7) 31 TEETOY (Tjo Tek Tan) M. Jarvis 9-3 .... B. Raymond
113 (4) 33 RESTLESS RHAPSODY (Mrs M. Haggas) K. Brassey 8-11 S. Whitworth
116 (2) TAKFA YAHMED (M. Khaid) S. Norton 8-11 .... J. Lowe
118 (1) 0 TRY HARDER (A. F. Budge Ltd.) J. Fitzgerald 8-11 .... S. Perks
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 7-4 Mazaad, 11-4 Teetoy, 4 Nomination, 6 Running Edge, 10 Restless Rhapsody, 12 Old Brownie.
TOP FORM TIPS: Mazaad 9, Nomination 7, Teetoy 6.

—CHANNEL 4—

2 35—TATTERSALLS' YORKSHIRE STAKES: 2-Y-0; 5f; £3,362 (5 runners).

201 (3) 2 EASTERN CHIEF (Sheikh Mohammed) B. Hills 9-0 .... B. Thomson
202 (2) 4 FORCEFUL WAVE (Capt M. Lemos) C. Brittain 9-0 .... S. Cauthen
204 (4) TILTING WIND (J. Shaw) C. Thornton 9-0 .... J. Bleasdale
205 (1) 00 OUR MUMSIE ★ (W. Wilson) N. Bycroft 8-11 .... M. Richardson
206 (5) 2 SUPREME KINGDOM (P. Brookshaw) M. Pipe 8-11 .... W. Ryan
1984: Chantaco 9-4 W. R. Swinburn 1-8 fav M. Stoute 2 ran.
Betting forecast: 4-5 Eastern Chief, 11-4 Forceful Wave, 8 Tilting Wind, 12 Supreme Kingdom.
TOP FORM TIPS: Eastern Chief 9, Forceful Wave 7.

—CHANNEL 4—

3 10 — MECCA-DANTE STAKES; Group 2; 3-Y-0; 1¼m 110yds; £54,817 (5 runners).

301 (5) 212-21 DAMISTER (K. Abdulla) J. Tree 9-0 .... Pat Eddery
303 (2) 0-1 LES ARCS (R. McCreery) M. Stoute 9-0 .... G. Starkey
305 (4) 11- REACH (F. Salman) P. Cole 9-0 .... T. Quinn
306 (3) 323-4 ROYAL HARMONY (Sheikh Mohammed) B. Hills 9-0 .... M. Hills
307 (1) 41 VIN DE FRANCE (D. Wildenstein) H. Cecil 9-0 .... S. Cauthen
1984: Claude Monet 9-0 S. Cauthen 2-1 fav H. Cecil 15 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Les Arcs, 3 Vin de France, 4 Reach, Royal Harmony, 8 Damister.
TOP FORM TIPS: Les Arcs 9, Vin de France 7.

—CHANNEL 4—

3 40—HAMBLETON STAKES (LIMITED HANDICAP): 1m; £9,349 (12 runners).

401 (2) 0100-02 MACARTHURS HEAD (D) (A. Struthers) J. Dunlop 4-9-10 B. Thomson
402 (4) 1230-42 PORTLAW (D) (BF) (S. Niarchos) J. Tree 4-9-3 .... Pat Eddery
403 (3) 2110-00 LUCKY NORTH ★ (C) (D) (Mrs R. Du Pont) W. Hern 4-9-2 .... W. Carson
405 (10) 012010- PERSIS ★ (C/D) (Sir K. Butt) J. W. Watts 4-9-0 .... T. Ives
406 (5) 1100-02 FANDANGO BEAT (D) (BF) (A. Shead) B. Hills 4-8-12 S. Cauthen
407 (9) 000-003 BANK PARADE ★ (D) (Mrs M. Haggas) J. Hindley 4-8-11 M. Hills
409 (12) 0213-40 ROMAN BEACH (D) (BF) (R. Canham) W. Musson 5-8-6 L. Piggott
410 (1) 0002-00 MOORES METAL (D) (Moores Ltd) R. Hollinshead 5-8-4 W. Ryan
411 (8) 110-001 TREMBLANT (5lb ex) (D) (K. Abdulla) R. Smyth 4-8-4 .... S. Whitworth (3)
412 (11) 1/300-3 TUG TOP (Greenland Park Ltd) W. H-Bass 4-8-2 .... R. Lines (5)
413 (6) 0-44000 MEL'S CHOICE (M. Brittain) M. Brittain 7-8-0 .... T. Williams (3)
414 (7) 000-301 TRY TO STOP ME (5lb ex) (A. Wilkinson) Denys Smith 4-8-0 M. Fry
1984: Teleprompter 4-9-9 W. Carson 4-1 J. W. Watts 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 4 Tremblant, 5 Roman Beach, 6 Fandango Beat, 8 Bank Parade, Try To Stop Me, 10 Portlaw, Macarthurs Head, 12 Lucky North.
TOP FORM TIPS: Fandango Beat 10, Portlaw 7, Tremblant 6.

—CHANNEL 4—

4 10—"MAIL ON SUNDAY" 3-Y-0 Series (Handicap): Fillies only; 1m; £3,860 (11 runners).

502 (7) 11024- BALQUIS (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-7 .... A. Murray
503 (8) 312-00 PRINCESS CARIOLE (A. Afdhal) G. Huffer 9-6 .... Pat Eddery
504 (5) 041-2 MIRANDA (S. Hanson) M. Stoute 9-6 .... L. Piggott
505 (1) 02-0 CHAPEL LIGHT (R. Sangster) B. Hills 9-2 .... B. Thomson
506 (6) 1300-00 KAMARESS (M. Brittain) M. Brittain 9-2 .... B. Cooper
507 (4) 032-113 GUNDREDA (BF) (Miss M. Carrington-Smith) C. Brittain 8-13 .... S. Cauthen
508 (2) 0300- NORTHERN LOVE (J. Hoyer) R. Armstrong 8-3 .... W. Carson
509 (11) 42233-2 MISS AGGRO ★ (T. Ramsden) M. Ryan 8-3 .... P. Robinson
510 (9) 030-3 RUSSELL CREEK (K. Jaffa) C. Booth 8-3 .... R. Lines (5)
512 (10) 103-0 THORNY ROSE (BF) (E. Badger) W. Musson 7-13 .... A. Mackay
513 (3) 002-004 QUALITAIR LADY (Qualitair Eng) K. Stone 7-7 .... L. Charnock
1984: Scarlet O' Harlot 8-0 Paul Eddery 9-1 W. Musson 17 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Gundreda, 7-2 Miranda 5 Princess Cariole, 6 Thorny Rose, 8 Chapel Light, 10 Miss Aggro.
TOP FORM TIPS: Miranda 8, Thorny Rose 7, Gundreda 6.

4 40—GLASGOW STAKES: 3-Y-0 C & G; 1¼m 110yds; £4,175 (7 runners).

602 (7) 0-01 FORMAZ (K Abdulla) J. Tree 9-3 .... Pat Eddery
603 (3) 1 LIFE PEER (E. Braia) H. Cecil 9-0 .... S. Cauthen
607 (2) 00 EL RAGGAAS (Hamdan Al Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-10 .... A. Murray
605 (6) 0-42 FLYING SAUCER (J. Haverhals) J. Dunlop 8-10 .... W. Carson
609 (5) 0- INUIT DANCER (R. Anderson) B. Hills 8-10 .... M. Hills
611 (4) 21-02 LINE OF FIRE (J. Hambro) B. Hobbs 8-10 .... G. Baxter
616 (1) 0-03 TABARDAR (H. H. Aga Khan) R. Houghton 8-10 .... J. Mercer
1984: Chamiere 8-10 T. Ives 9-1 R. Williams 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 15-8 Tabardar, 9-4 Life Peer, 5 Flying Saucer, 6 Formaz, 10 Line of Fire.
TOP FORM TIPS: Life Peer 8, Flying Saucer 7.

SOUTHWELL

2 15 Kamir
2 45 John North
3 15 W Six Times
3 45 Luxury
4 15 Mighty Run
4 45 Molon Lave

GOING: Good to firm

2 15—REINDEER NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE: 2m 74yds; £960 (8 runners).

111 KAMIR 5-11-7 .... T. Jarvis (4)
F01 WILLIE'S GIG (10lb ex) (BF) (C/D) 7-11-0 M. Brennan
00-2 SCOTTISH HIGHWAY 9-10-3 D. Fisher (4)
-P02 NO FURTHER 10-10-2 M. Bowlby (7)
1FP MILITARY CROWN 8-10-1 S. Keightley
000 BLACK EARL 8-10-0
OPP MANDY'S SEAL 7-10-0 J. A. Harris
001 PORTO LOUISE (C) 6-10-0 S. O'Neill
1984: No corresponding meeting.
Betting forecast: evens Kamir, 7-2 Scottish Highway, 11-2 Willie's Gig, 8 No Further, 10 Military Crown, 12 Porto Louise.

2 45—ELM TREE NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE: 2½m; £588 (14 runners).

40 DERRY DANCER 4-12-1 J. A. Harris
104 MIGHTY STEEL 5-11-10 ....
-F00 JOHN NORTH 5-11-6 ....
008 AL KHASHAB (D) 8-11-2 R. Hatfield (7)
P30 VICK THE BUSKER 8-11-2 G. McCourt
0 KATOPERGOS 7-10-13 M. Brennan
022 QUAKER LAD (BF) 9-10-4 doubtful
0-00 BARRON JULIUS 5-10-4 Dale McKeown
400 BRIANSTON BELL 6-10-2 J. D. Doyle (4)
000 ASCENBAR ★ 5-10-1 .... D. Shaw
000 FLITTERVILLE 6-10-0 ....
000 YALISKARI 4-10-0 .... P. Barry
PPO LE MARSH 8-10-0 .... J. McLaughlin
003 PRINCE LAFITE 5-10-0 .... C. Grant
-OPP GOOD PERFORMER 6-10-0 ....
Betting forecast: 2 Mighty Steel, 7-2 Prince Lafite, 6 Brianston Bell, 8 Al Khashab, Vick The Busker, 10 John North, Derry Dancer.

3 15—STAR & GARTER HANDICAP CHASE: 3m 110yds; £1,725 (7 runners).

02F W SIX TIMES (BF) 8-11-13 R. Earnshaw
4P1 EBONY BILL (5lb ex) (C/D) 10-10-7 ....
101 PRINCE CARLTON (9lb ex) (C/D) 10-10-2 Miss C. Saunders (7)
300 SEA SPLASH (C/D) 9-10-0 M. Brennan
00F ROYAL NORMAN ★ 9-10-0 M. Brisbourne
P00 FIRST GLANCE 9-10-0 ....
031 LORIOT (C/D) 8-10-0 .... J. Barlow
Betting forecast: 13-8 W Six Times, 9-4 Prince Carlton, 4 Ebony Hill, 7 Sea Splash, 10 Royal Norman.

3 45—CROWN NOVICE HURDLE: 2m; £811 (16 runners)

131 TACHYROS (C/D) 5-12-0 K. Sims (7)
213 TIN BOY (BF) 6-11-5 .... S. O'Neill
FOP CHELTENHAM FUN 5-10-10 J. A. Harris
GET GOING FRED 6-10-10 I. Williams (7)
00 SAGART ARDON 5-10-10 M. Brennan
0 SAXCOM 6-10-10
000 TRACK RYTHM (C/D) 5-10-10 M. Jenkins (7)
0 ASPRO ASTRO ★ 4-10-5 .. P. Tuck
0 ATHENS LASS 7-10-5
BLUE MONDAY 4-10-5 .. S. Shilston
0 LUND HEAD LADY 6-10-5
243 LUXURY 6-10-5 .... S. Keightley
P04 THE REEDCUTTER 4-10-5 J. Kinane
ELEGANT NELL 4-10-0 S. Davies (7)
ELLEGANT MODEL 4-10-0 Mr G. Harker (7)
0 MISS BURGUNDY 4-10-0 ....
Betting forecast: 9-4 Tin Boy, 5-2 Luxury 3, Tachyros, 10 Track Rythm, 12 Aspro Astro.

4 15—BROMLEY ARMS NOVICE CHASE: 3m 110yds: £960 (10 runners).

3U0 ALABAMA (C/D) 7-11-7 Mr R. Morris (7)
P03 BALLYKINASH 9-11-3 Mr A. Bowlby (7)
024 CAMBRO BOY ★ 9-11-3 S. O'Neill
04F CONICULATE 9-11-3 .... J. Barlow
042 MIGHTY RUN 7-11-3 .... K. Jones
000 NOT A BOTHER 8-11-3 D. Fisher (4)
0PO SAYS EYE 10-11-3 N. Babbage (4)
00F SOMETHING SPECIAL 8-11-3 R. Kington (4)
OFF CURTAIN RUN 7-10-12 ... A. Sharpe
0PO FLY GATE 6-10-12 .... G. Meraugh
Betting forecast: 7-4 Mighty Run, 100-30 Cambro Boy, 4 Ballykinash, 13-2 Coniculate, 8 Alabama.

4 45—FULL MOON HANDICAP HURDLE: 2m; £1,035 (14 runners).

010 CLEWISTON (D) 9-11-10 S. Johnson
440 SOME JINKS 9-11-8 .... S. O'Neill
001 MOLON LAVE (6lb ex) (D) 8-11-7 J. Suthern
-000 SOMERS HEIR (D) 10-11-0 R. Hyett
400 KILSYTH 6-10-13 .... S. Davies (7)
000 MAGIC MINK ★ 5-10-9 G. Smith Eccles
00-0 PURPLE FLASH (D) 5-10-9 S. Shilston
002 MILORE (D) 7-10-6 .... M. Brennan
-000 AUCKLAND EXPRESS (D) 5-10-5 C. Grant
000 SPOTSYLVANIA (C/D) 7-10-3 R. Hatfield
PPO CHARMING CHARLES (D) 6-10-0 K. Burke (7)
OFF RHEINGOLD'S GIFT 7-10-0 ....
-P00 UNCLE DAI (D) 6-10-0 C. Warren (7)
030 CHI MAI ★ 5-10-0 ....
Betting forecast: 11-4 Molon Lave, 7-2 Milore, 5 Clewiston, 6 Purple Flash, 8 Kilsyth, 10 Magic Mink.

HEREFORD

6 15 Mafoo's Token
6 45 Village Draper
7 15 Day After
7 45 Sutton Prince
8 15 Lady Shot
8 45 Hand Me Down

★ DENOTES BLINKERS: GOING: Good

6 15—ASH NOVICE HURDLE: 2m; £840 (11 runners).

013 NORTHWARD (D) 5-11-9 G. Jones
021 MAFOO'S TOKEN (D) 5-11-9 P. Richards
000 AL SANDRO 6-10-13 .... C. Mann
0-PP BOY PIPER 6-10-13 .... B. Powell
000 NOBLE BLADE 6-10-13 W. Newton
003 CELTIC PRINCESS 5-10-8 P. Plumb (7)
F0 KINCS 5-10-8 .... S. Marshead
0-00 NUN OWEN 9-10-8 J. Ricketts (7)
000 EASY MOVER ★ 4-10-7 M. Williams
000 GASTRONOMIC 4-10-7 P. Scudamore
P SANDYLA 4-10-7 ....
1984: No corresponding meeting.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Mafoo's Token, 3 Northward, 4 Celtic Princess, 7 Easy Mover, 10 Kincs.

6 45—BIRCH HANDICAP HURDLE: 2½m; £1,035 (11 runners).

000 BALLYWEST 7-11-8 .... R. Linley
0-04 SUNSHINE GAL 7-11-3 R. Dennis (4)
024 CAWARRA LAD 6-11-2 ....
F01 CELTIC STORY (7lb ex) (D) 5-11-2 Mr S. Sherwood
400 VILLAGE DRAPER ★ (C) (BF) 6-10-9 B. de Haan
000 FRANCISCUS 8-10-8 .... P. Warner
3F0 FER-KIL 9-10-7 .... P. Croucher
D04 END OF THE ROAD ★ 5-10-5 P. Scudamore
000 PRINCESS IRIS 7-10-5 .... J. Duggan
0004 KAMAG ★ (D) 7-10-0 P. Christopher (7)
0-00 SEASON'S DELIGHT 6-10-0 N. Coleman (4)
Betting forecast: 7-2 Cawarra Lad, 4 Village Draper, 6 Sunshine Gal, End Of The Road, 8 Celtic Story, Kamag, 10 Franciscus.

7 15—OAK NOVICE CHASE: Div 1; 3m 1f; £980 (7 runners).

FF1 GAIN THE DAY 8-11-5 Miss J. Blakeney (7)
032 DAY AFTER 9-11-2 .... G. Jones
PP HODGSON MOOR 7-11-2 ....
F03 LIGHT SENTENCE 7-11-2 C. Mann
OPF MORGANS GOLD 6-11-2 S. Williams (4)
00/P UP MARKET 7-11-2 .... J. Bryan
POU RIVAL ATTRACTION 9-10-11 J. Frost
Betting forecast: 6-4 Day After, 7-4 Gain The Day, 3 Light Sentence, 6 Rival Attraction.

7 45—PHEASANT HANDICAP CHASE: 2½m; £1,725 (12 runners)

4-PP PALMYRA-COURT (D) 9-11-12 M. Williams
010 SUTTON PRINCE (C/D) (BF) 8-11-8 R. Linley
043 CELTIC BREW (D) 8-11-5 S. Morshead
PPP UNDER-RATED ★ (D) 7-10-10 P. Richards
220 EMMABEL 11-10-10 .... P. Warner
320 HADAJAR (C/D) 10-10-5 P. Scudamore
013 CWMYREITHIN (7lb ex) (C) 9-10-4 C. Mann
3B-0 BALLYCARN 10-10-1 .... B. Powell
300 ADMIRAL GRENVILLE ★ 9-10-0 Mr S. Sherwood
002 ALL BRIGHT 13-10-0 Mr B. Dowling (7)
044 BEAU VITE (D) 10-10-0 P. Dever
PP4 HENLEY FAIR (D) 11-10-0 Mrs L. Sheedy
Betting forecast: 11-4 Sutton Prince, 7-2 Emmabel, 4 Celtic Brew, 5 Hadajar, 6 Cwmreithin, 10 Ballycarn.

8 15—OAK NOVICE CHASE: Div 2; 3m 1f; £980 (5 runners).

124 LADY SHOT 6-11-5 ... R. Dunwoody
OFF DANILOU 7-11-2 .... J. Bryan
FU3 ROUGH ESTIMATE 9-11-2 ... C. Mann
P0 WOOTTON BOY 9-11-2 W. Worthington (7)
F00 WINNING CLOVER 7-10-11 Miss J. Blakeney (7)
Betting forecast: 1-2 Lady Shot, 4 Rough Estimate, 6 Danilou, 8 Winning Clover.

8 45—BEECH NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE: 3m 1f: £548 (10 runners).

311 HAND ME DOWN (C/D) 8-11-10 S. Earle (4)
100 STARS AND STRIPES 6-11-9 J. Frost
320 BRYMA 5-11-3 .... A. Griffiths
0-0 INIGO SOCIETY 7-10-8 .... J. White
000 PRINCESS HECATE ★ 10-10-4 P. Nicholls
PPR PORTADOGEY 10-10-1 P. Scudamore
R00 AUSTRIAN CORPORAL 7-10-0 R. Dennis (4)
003 ARCTIC GIPSY 9-10-0 M. Williams
P00 COUNCILLOR BILL ★ 9-10-0 A. Sharpe
FFF ROWDEN RULER 5-10-0 ....
Betting forecast: 7-4 Hand Me Down, 7-2 Inigo Society, 4 Stars And Stripes, 5 Bryma, 10 Princess Hecate.

BRIGHTON

2 15 Darling Daughter
2 45 Aberfield
3 15 Romiosini
3 45 Jody's Boy
4 15 Al Trui
4 45 Jane's Brave Boy
5 15 Arc Larc

DRAW: LOW numbers best over 5 & 6f
GOING: Good to firm

2 15—BRIGHTON SPRING HANDICAP: 3-Y-0; 6f; £1,746 (16 runners)

1 (5) 203-401 ROYAAN (D) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C. Benstead 9-7 G. Landau (7)
2 (10) 00430-0 DARLING DAUGHTER (J. Greetham) G. P.-Gordon 9-1 G. Duffield
3 (8) 200-1 PARTY GAME (D) (Mrs G. Smith) R. Smyth 8-13 .... P. Cook
4 (9) 002000- POLLY'S TEAHOUSE (Lady Clague) C. Benstead 8-12 .... B. Rouse
5 (1) 000-03 VICEROY BOY (F. Broom) R. Hannon 8-11 .... A. McGlone
6 (6) 0-00 DISTANT DREAM (D. Cox) R. Hodges 8-10 .... I. Johnson
7 (12) 1130-00 TRICENCO (C/D) (Clubchamp Ltd) S. Woodman 8-9 ... N. Adams (5)
8 (15) 00000-2 DELAWARE RIVER ★ (Brian Gubby Ltd) B. Gubby 8-9 R. Cochrane
11 (13) 400-004 IMPTONE LADY (Imptone Ltd) M. Usher 8-8 .... J. Carter (7)
12 (2) 042-034 MAJOR'S REVIEW (J. Watson) M. McCourt 8-7 .... R. Wernham
13 (7) 0113-00 LEAN STREAK ★ (D) (BF) (C. Mahoney) R. Simpson 8-6 .... K. Radcliffe (7)
14 (15) 000-000 TARRAKAN (H. Collins) C. Wildman 8-5 .... R. Hills
15 (4) 011000- CREETOWN LADY (C) (W. Greenbaum) J. Holt 8-4 .... P. Waldron
16 (3) 0000- MY DEMERARRA (P. Cochran) W Jarvis 8-0 .... A. Roper (7)
17 (14) 3000-00 MATTYE LEE (Mrs J. Ramos) W. Guest 7-9 .... G. Dickie
18 (11) 4010- SAILA THIMS (S. Jack) R. Hodges 7-7 .... C. Rutter (5)
1984: Kiowa 8-10 G. Sexton 7-1 P. Haslam, 15 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 Party Game, 3 Royaan, 5 Delaware River, 6 Viceroy Boy, 7 Major's Review, 10 Darling Daughter, Polly's Teahouse.
TOP FORM TIPS: Delaware River 8, Party Game 7, Viceroy Boy 6.

2 45—MADEIRA HANDICAP: 1¼m; £2,782 (7 runners).

1 (7) 01220-0 GET THE MESSAGE (C) (D) (F. Salman) P. Cole 4-10-0 P. Waldron
2 (6) 22400-3 ABERFIELD (C/D) (BF) (R. Evans) P Kelleway 8-8-4 .... Gay Kelleway (5)
3 (5) 0014-01 FOLLY HILL (C/D) (N. Goymer) J. Jenkins 8-7-9 .... P. Cook
4 (1) 430-010 CLEARLY BUST ★ (4lb ex) (D) (K. Spindler) D. Morley 5-7-7 .... W. Woods (5)
5 (4) 000-002 SUGAR PALM (D. Goldstein) R. Hannon 4-7-7 .... M. Thomas
6 (3) 00140- PROFIT WARRANT (C/D) (M. Heinimann) Pat Mitchell 6-7-7 R. Fox
7 (2) 001000- MR CARACTACUS (D) (J. Mandeville) G. Gracey 4-7-7 G. Carter (5)
1984: Serheed 4-8-3 T. Quinn 4-7 fav P. Cole, 5 ran
Betting forecast: 100-30 Get The Message, 4 Folly Hill, 9-2 Clearly Bust, 6 Aberfield, Sugar Palm, 10 Profit Warrant.
TOP FORM TIPS: Sugar Palm 8, Get The Message 7.

3 15—MARINA STAKES: 3-Y-0; 1¼m; £822 (12 runners).

1 (3) 400-1 F SHARP (C/D) (Lady Cohen) J. Dunlop 9-6 .... B. Rouse
4 (9) 000-00 CAPTAIN FLASHMAN (J. Horgan) R. Hannon 9-0 .... A. McGlone
7 (8) 000 GAMBART (C. Cyzer) M. Usher 9-0 .... M. Wigham
8 (5) 0-0 JUST CANDID (Mrs J. Miller) M. Hinchliffe 9-0 .... P. Cook
10 (12) 24- ROCK ON DEE (Mrs A. Upsdell) D. Weeden 9-0 .... M. Miller
11 (4) 0-4 ROMIOSINI (Capt M. Lemos) C. Brittain 9-0 .... P. Bradwell
12 (7) 00-000 SOUTHERN STORM (Mrs M. Bevan) B. Wise 9-0 .... A. Bond
15 (1) 0-0 CROISSANT DE LUNE (Omar Assi) Thomson Jones 8-11 .... R. Hills
16 (6) 300- GRAND OCCASION (J. Greetham) G. P.-Gordon 8-11 .... G. Duffield
17 (2) 0304-00 NORTHERN HOPE (R. Whalley) P. Kelleway 8-11 .... Gay Kelleway (5)
19 (11) 02200-0 REST (R. Richmond-Watson) B. Hobbs 8-11 .... A. Barclay
22 (10) 00- TAP LIGHTLY (R Kirstein) J. Dunlop 8-11 .... R. Fox
1984: Enchanted Castle 9-6 T. Quinn 5-1 P. Cole, 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 F Sharp, 7-2 Romiosini, 5 Croissant de Lune, 13-2 Gambart, 8 Captain Flashman, 10 Just Candid, Grand Occasion, 12 Rest, Tap Lightly.
TOP FORM TIPS: F Sharp 8, Romiosini 7, Grand Occasion 6.

3 45—GORING SELLING STAKES; Division I: 1m; £836 (10 runners.)

2 (5) 00000-0 DALLAS SMITH (J. Wickins) R. Akehurst 4-9-9 .... G. Duffield
3 (9) 000-30U GREEK BANKER (J. Wheeler) J. Holt 4-9-9 .... P. Waldron
6 (4) 0000-10 JODY'S BOY ★ (C) (Mrs M. Stevens) B. Stevens 4-9-9 .... D. McKay
7 (7) 0 NICANIC (L. Norman) N. Callaghan 4-9-9 .... M. Thomas
11 (1) 0/0- CHANCES ARE (C. Hanks) A. Madwar 4-9-6 .... M. Miller
13 (2) 0 SHINY CHADOR (Mrs P. Alexander) D. Weeden 4-9-6 Gay Kelleway (5)
14 (6) 00- UBIQUITOUS LADY (K. Poulton) J. Long 4-9-6 .... S. Cottie
19 (3) 0000-00 NAJI ★ (G. Coleman) P. Butler 3-8-7 .... R. McGhin
24 (8) 00F0- FAIR ELEANOR (D. Hunniscett) D. Morley 3-8-4 .... B. Rouse
27 (10) 00-00 SOLSTICE BELL (Mrs H. Kilburn) R. Voorspuy 3-8-4 .... J. Reid
1984: The Targe 3-8-7 J. Johnson 15-2 C. Nelson 14 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Jody's Boy, 3 Nicanic, 5 Solstice Bell, 8 Greek Banker, 10 Dallas Smith, Fair Eleanor.
TOP FORM TIPS: Jody's Boy 9, Nicanic 7, Greek Banker 6.

4 15—ALDRINGTON HANDICAP: 7f; £2,490 (9 runners).

2 (6) 20003-0 FREE RANGE (D) (Miss D. Green) J. Holt 6-9-7 Angela Frampton (5)
3 (1) 0002-13 AL TRUI (M. Saunders) S. Mellor 5-9-6 .... M. Wigham
4 (7) 312200- GREED (D) (H. Alexander) D. Morley 4-9-5 .... G. Duffield
5 (8) 043200 FAN CLUB (D) (Mrs J. Yarnold) C. Nelson 4-9-6 .... J. Reid
7 (2) 4230-14 TAMERTOWN LAD (C/D) (BF) (A. Forster) J. Jenkins 4-8-13 .... P. Cook
8 (9) 00100-0 MINMAX ★ (D) (M. Heinimann) Pat Mitchell 7-8-13 R. Cochrane
9 (4) 0030-34 RUNNING BULL (D) (BF) (N. Foreman) M. Masson 4-8-8 .... S. Dawson (3)
10 (5) 041-00 FAIR CHARTER (C) (L. Becker) R. Hannon 3-8-7 .... A. McGlone
11 (3) 102-240 MANGO MAN ★ (C/D) (M. Covill) Pat Mitchell 4-7-13 ... R. Fox
1984: Swinging Rebel 6-9-7 P. Cook 11-4 fav N. Vigors 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Al Trui, 100-30 Running Bull, 4 Tamertown Lad, 6 Fan Club, 8 Free Range, 10 Greed, 12 Fair Charter.
TOP FORM TIPS: Al Trui 8, Tamertown Lad 7, Fan Club 6.

4 45 — GORING SELLING STAKES: Div II: 1m: £836 (9 runners).

1 (4) 0- BROCHE (C. Redgrave) K. Bishop 4-9-9 .... G. Sexton
8 (1) 0/0-0 ORANGE NEST (M. Murnaghan) R. Hoad 4-9-9 .... B. Rouse
10 (6) 3000-40 WHISTLEDOWNWIND (P. Gwyn) M. Usher 4-9-9 .... A. McGlone
12 (9) KABUTI (H. Ellis) D. O'Neill 4-9-9 .... doubtful
15 (3) 00- WHAT A PRINCESS (F. Taylor) A. Moore 4-9-6 .... A. Clark
17 (5) 04 JANE'S BRAVE BOY (Sir G. Newman) W. Hastings-Bass 3-8-7 .... J. Matthias
20 (8) 00400-0 SHAMIN'S PRIDE (Sarif & Co Ltd) D. Jermy 3-8-7 .... G. Dickie
21 (7) 00-001 SPALMATORI (D. Willis) M. Madgwick 3-8-7 .... R. Guest
25 (2) 00000-0 JUST BLAIR ★ (Dr V. Bolton) Pat Mitchell 3-8-4 .... R. Fox
28 (10) 0000- TUDOR TRIX (Mrs B. Dash) D. Marks 3-8-4 .... M. Thomas
1984: The Targe 3-8-7 J. Johnson 15-2 C. Nelson 14 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Whistledownwind, 3 Spalmatori, 5 Jane's Brave Boy, 10 What A Princess.
TOP FORM TIPS: Jane's Brave Boy 8, Whistledownwind 7, Spalmatori 6.

5 15—E B F DITCHLING MAIDEN STAKES: 2-Y-0; 5f; £1,740 (4 runners).

1 (3) 3 APC LARK (C. Schmidt) M. Ryan 9-0 .... M. Ennard
2 (1) 00 BOLD DASH (J. Christmas) R. Hoad 9-0 .... B. Rouse
4 (2) 0 JOAB (Ld Bristol) F. Durr 9-0 .... G. Duffield
5 (4) CHALFONT MO (L. Norris) P. Kelleway 8-11 .... Gay Kelleway (5)
1984: Albany Lad 9-0 P. Cook 7-2 R. Hannon 6 ran.
Betting forecast: Evens Arc Lark, 9-4 Joab, 5 Chalfont Mo.
TOP FORM TIPS: Arc Lark 8, Joab 7.

● Blinkered for the first time today: Brighton: 4.45 Just Blair. York: 2.35 Our Mumsie; 3.40 Bank Parade.

Chris Hawkins

Les Arcs looks good

Changing going at York throws a spanner in the works today and results may be hard to predict, but **Fandango Beat** (3.40) has shown some ability in the soft and ran well enough last time when second to Portogon at Kempton to be given a good chance in the Hambleton Handicap.

If it were not for the soft ground today, easy Victoria Cup winner Tremblant would be hard to beat — he still looks nicely handicapped — but all his winning form has been shown on the firm.

The Mecca Dante Stakes has a disappointing turn out of only five but it should still be a fascinating race. Strictly on form, Reach is the pick having beaten Royal Harmony, who went on to finish fourth to Shadeed in the 2,000 Guineas, at Ascot last season but he has not been out since and although going well at home is thought by trainer Paul Cole to be about a week off his peak.

News from Newmarket about Les Arcs (3.10) has been en*couraging for some time now* and this Top Ville colt is rated second only to Shadeed in home work.

He beat Slip Anchor by a length and a half, when in receipt of 7lb, first time out and could possibly have been flattered by that, but his stamina today seems guaranteed and I just prefer him to Vin de France who looked a very fast horse and perhaps a doubtful stayer when trotting up at Kempton.

Results

YORK

2.00 (5f): 1, NEW EDITION, L. Piggott (2-5 Fav); 2, Venez Trader (3-1); 3, Running Rainbow (25-1). Also: 14 Dix Etoiles (4 ran) 2½l, 3, 1½. Tote: £1.20. Dual F: £1.60. CSF: £1.86. 1 min 04.29 s.

2.15 (1¼m): 1, RYE TOPS, B. Rouse (10-1); 2, SHADYWOOD (6-4 Fav); 3, On Patrol (12-1). Also: 4 Ma Petite Jolie 6th, 11-2 Unmistakable, 11 Scots Lass, 20 Uncornered, 25 The Betsy, Desert Breeze 4th, 33 Call Again 5th Prudence. (11 ran). ½l, hd, 2, 1½, hd. (G. Wragg). Tote: *£7.30; £1.80, £1.20, £2.50. Dual F: £6.80.* CSF: £24.21. 2min 18.4s.

3.05 (5f): 1, KELLY'S ROYALE, S. Cauthen (12-1); 2, Bollin Emily (4-1 Fav); 3, Sweet Sonja (25-1). Also: 13-2 Albany Lad, Tobermory Boy, 15-2 All For London, 10 Ardrox Lad, 11 Clantime 5th, Deputy Head 6th, 14 Be Lyrical, Rambling River, *16 Pleacourt, 20 Bri-Eden, 25 Form Master,* China Gold 4th (15 ran). 1½, 1, 1½, 1½, ½, 1½. (C. Nelson). Tote: £11.60; £3.00, £1.50, £14.80. Dual F: £32.80. CSF: £57.75. Tricast: £1,088.17. 1m 01.42s.

3.40 (1¼m): 1, FATAH FLARE, S. Cauthen (10-1); 2, Dubian (100-30); 3, Ever Genial (12-1). Also: 2 Fav. Helen *Street 4th, 7 Teased 5th, 15-2 Cherry Ridge,* 8 Capo Di Monte, 20 Deven Defender, 100 *Dancela 6th.* (9 ran). ¾l, 8, nk, 8, 1½. (H. Cecil). Tote: £8.20; £2.00, £1.30, *£3.40.* Dual F: £14.50. CF: £40.01. 2m. 13.33s.

4.10 (1m 1f): 1, CHANCE IN A MILLION, D. Leadbitter (13-2); 2, Lemhill (7-2); 3, *Shear Cliff* (10-1). Also: 11-4 fav Lysander, 7 Kalkour, Moujik, 10 Aristocrat Velvet, Senor *Ramos* 5th, 12 Golden Beau 6th, 16 Rare Stamp, 20 Kelro, Shellman 4th (12 ran). Nk, 1½l, ½, 12, 1½ (Denys Smith). Tote: £10.50; £2.40, £2.00, £2.30. Dual F: £15.50. CSF: £32.11. Tricast: £219.89. 1min 57.58sec.

4.40 (1m 6f): 1, KHAELAN, J. Lowe (4-1); 2, *Sanchi Steeple* (5-1); 3, Vouchsafe (6-1). Also: 3 fav Leinster Lad 4th, 8 Witchcraft 5th, Paddycoup, 9 Boggy Peak, 10 Lhasa 6th, 20 Moss Empire. (9 ran). 1½l, 1½, hd, 10, 15 (S. Norton). Tote: £5.10; £1.70, £1.90, £2.60. Dual F: £18.90. CSF: £23.86. 3min 08.29sec (Flag Start).

JACKPOT: (£1,330.47 carried forward) Single bonus not won (£2,880.60 carried forward). PLACEPOT: £47.75.

FOLKESTONE

1.45 (2m 110yds flat): 1, ARIZONA, Mr T. Thomson Jones (7-4 fav); 2, Jack's Luck (10-1); 3, Skyrange (14-1). 20 ran. (C. Thornton). Tote: £3.20; £2.10, £2.50, *£2.40. Dual F: £18.20. CSF: £23.06.*

2.15 (2½m Ch): 1, JOHN BRUSH Mr T. Grantham (3-1 jt fav); 2, The Fruit (6-1); 3, Polar Express (3-1 jt fav). 11 ran. (J. Gifford). Tote: £2.70; £1.80, £1.70, £1.00. Dual F: £15.70. CSF: £22.67. Tricast: £54.10.

Fury Boy (collapsed and died on way to start). *Rule 4 applies to bets at board* prices. Deduct 20p in the pound.

2.45 (2½m Ch): 1, SQUIFFY'S DAUGHTER Miss S. French (3-1 fav); 2, Night Attack (9-1); 3, Hit Me Again (10-1). 18 ran. (D. Campbell-Nisbet). Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £6.20, £9.30. Dual F: £151.40. CSF: £32.35.

3.15 (3¼m Ch): 1, BARSTICK, Mr D. Turner (evens fav); 2, Corked (2-1); 3, Dancing Brig (4-1). 6 ran. (J. M. Turner). Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £2.10. Dual F: £2.90. CSF: £3.33.

3.45 (3¼m Ch): 1, ROYAL JUDGEMENT, Mr P. Hacking (1-3 fav); 2, Swarm (12-1); 3, Bum Nooka (8-1). 8 ran. (Lady Rootes). Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.30, £1.30. Dual F: £3.30. CSF: £5.64.

4.15 (3¼m Ch): 1, MIDDLERIVER, Mr D. Turner (4-6 fav); 2, Good Memories (9-2); 3, Current News (20-1). 13 ran. (J. M. Turner). Tote: £1.60; £1.70, £1.10, £2.70. Dual F: £2.40. CSF: £4.69. NR: Disturbed.

4.45 (2½m Ch): 1, JACK OF ALL TRADES, Mr A. Hill (4-9 fav); 2, Lesman (8-1); 3, Mr Mellers (8-1). 9 ran (J. Delahooke). Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £2.30, £1.90. Dual F: £7.20. CSF: £5.91. NR: Johnny Tarquin Pendleton.

PLACEPOT: £2.35.

NOTTINGHAM

5.45 (2m): 1, ARIBIAN, John Williams (7-1); 2, Going Broke (100-30); 3, Ishkomann (7-1). Hieronymous 11-4 fav. (8 ran). (Mrs S. Davenport). Tote: £8.90; £2.00, £1.40, £1.70. CSF: £29.01.

6.15 (5f): 1, OCTIGA, B. Coogan (2-1); 2, Tores Queen (6-4 fav.); 3, Dalby (8-1). (4 ran). (M. Brittain). Tote: £3.20; Dual F: £1.80; CSF: £4.95.

● Remainder of meeting abandoned due to waterlogging.

TENNIS

David Irvine in Rome

Krickstein loses the spin

TOSSING a coin in the Trevi *fountain, they say, guarantees* visitors that they will one day return to Rome. Some tennis players who practise the custom live to regret it. Yesterday the 17-year-old American Aaron Krickstein, runner-up in 1984, became the latest in a distinguished line of first-round losers at the Italian Open when he was beaten 6-4, 7-6 by the veteran Australian Paul McNamee.

In a 99-minute match that increasingly emphasised *Krickstein's lack of* variety and initiative, the world's No 7 — and what an awful comment that is on the state of the game — was outplayed by a man 13 years his senior who only a few months ago was seriously considering giving up the tour.

McNamee called almost all the moves and could *easily have* won by merely keeping the ball in play. Krickstein's forehand, his principal weapon, was a hit-and-miss affair, giving away countless "free" points.

Krickstein, a semi-finalist in New York last week, put it down to "just one of those days." But they are now beginning to happen too often for his peace of mind. It is sad to see a world-class player so frightened to use the forecourt and attempt a volley.

It was John Lloyd's coach, *Bob Brett,* who urged McNamee in March to start enjoying his tennis again, like in the days when he and Peter McNamara were the game's liveliest entertainers. "*The spark I used* to have had been missing for a long time and I'd even thought about quitting if things didn't pick up by Wimbledon," said McNamara. "I was sure this *was going to be* my last year."

At a special event in Houston last month he regained his form in spectacular fashion, defeating Joakim Nystrom, Kevin Curen, Mats Wilander and Anders Jarryd, all now among the top 10 — and, though it did nothing for his ranking (he is 88th) — you don't beat those men unless you play well.

The Australian's second-round opponent is Claudio Mezzadri, who last year defeated his Davis Cup colleague Pat Cash. "I've been coming here a long time," said McNamee. "I know exactly what to expect when you play an Italian here."

Vitas Gerulaitis (8) joined the ranks of beaten seeds — holder Andres Gomez (2), Krikstein (4) and Greg Holmes (14) — when he lost 6-3, 6-2 to the Frenchman Thierry Tulasne. It was in 1980 that Tulasne, then only 16, beat Gerulaitis when the American was defending champion. Four years on, the youngster is still struggling to establish himself but, after letting *Gerulaitis break* back to 2-2 in the second set, he finished in devastating style by winning 16 of the last 19 points.

As Wilander had predicted, the faster courts of the Foro Italico posed problems for the German champion Miloslav Mecir. But after a shaky opening set the Czech adjusted rapidly to beat an Italian qualifier, Massim Narducci, by 7-6, 6-1.

Wilander, top seed, defeated Cassio Motta 7-6, 6-2 in a match of often high quality

Bates and Youl nudge computer

Jeremy Bates, the main British contender in the LTA Spring circuit Masters at Lee-on-Solent showed renewed confidence in dismissing Mark Blincow of Northamptonshire 6-0, 6-1 yesterday.

In their only other meeting on the circuit Blincow took six games, but he was never allowed near that this time. It was a highly competent performance by Bates, who is on his way to collecting extra points for the computer.

While Bates was winning easily Simon Youl of Australia, the *series* leader, was also dealing drastically with his fellow-countryman Mike Baroch, whom he crushed 6-2, 6-2.

In the women's singles, the British junior champions, Suzie Mair of Scotland and Jane Wood of Middlesex, both had straight-sets victories.

In West Berlin Jo Durie defeated Czechoslovakia's Marcela Skuherska 6-2, 6-4 in the first round of the $150,000 womens' international. There was only one opening-day upset, the American Vicki Nelson beating former West German indoor champion Eva Pfaff in straight sets.

There was further good news for the British women's game from Melbourne, where Sara Gomer and Annabel Croft *both moved into the second* round of the Victoria Indoor Championships.

Gomer celebrated her 21st birthday by upsetting the fifth-seeded Australian Liz Smylie 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, while Croft, 18, cruised to a 6-2, 6-3 victory over American Mickie Schiflig.

While Croft has risen to 54th in the world and is aiming to break into the top 30 by the end of the year, Gomer, a towering left-hander, has risen from 180 to 88 under the tutelage of Britain's Richard Lewis.

There was one British casualty, however, Anne Hobbs falling 3-6, 6-2, 6-0 to Robin White of the US.

John Rodda

Budd set to cash in with world records

ATHLETICS

Zola Budd announced the first half of her racing programme this summer yesterday, which will almost certainly include attacks on the world 5,000 metres and 3,000 metres records during the season. *She is* due to tackle the longer distance at the World Games in Helsinki on July 4 and the 3,000 metres at the Ivo Van Damme Memorial meeting in Brussels in August.

Miss Budd's world record ambitions have a commercial as well as sporting impetus. Although she won the World Cross-Country Championship in Lisbon in March, having *estalished* a Commonwealth best performance on the indoor track at Cosford, she is without an Olympic medal and requires world record marks to consolidate her links in Britain, ease those she still maintains with South Africa and strengthen her commercial value.

She is still very much under the influence of South African *thinking,* through the two men who financed her return to Britain early this year. She is aware that there will be a much stronger focus upon her attitude towards Britain than there was *when she* was under the artificial wrapping provided by the Daily Mail in the run-up to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

BUDD: Punishing schedule

She is still training in South Africa, living with her mother, but next month she returns to England and intends to stay in the country, apart from her racing trips to Europe, until after the Grand Prix final in Rome on September 7.

She intends to return to her Kilburn home about June 18, run in Belfast at the Ulster Games on June 24, probably over 3,000 metres. She will race at the international meeting in Gateshead five days later, by which time she should be sharp enough to tackle the world record for the 5,000 metres

Her next major meeting will be the Peugeot Talbot Games on July 19 at Crystal Palace, and before attacking the world 3,000 metres record she is due to race in Zurich.

Paul Fitzpatrick

GB on World Cup trail

RUGBY LEAGUE

The third Test next season between Great Britain and New Zealand, traditionally played at Headingley, has been *given* additional significance because it will now be one of a number of designated internationals which will count towards a World Cup final to be played in 1988.

There will be two points for a win and one for a draw, with the leading two sides playing off for the World Cup. The designated games for Great Britain next season are the Third Test and the away Test with France; the following season the matches will be the home Tests with Australia and France, and in 1987-88 the home games with Papua New Guinea and away games against Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

This formula was drawn up last week in Paris by the International Board, who also formulated a cycle of tours covering the next 10 years. Great Britain will now make separate tours to Australia and New Zealand, a departure which not only reflects the desire for shorter tours but also for New Zealand's growing power and influence.

TELEVISION

BBC-1

6 0 am Ceefax AM. 6 50 Breakfast Time. 9 20 Pages from Ceefax. 10 30 Play School. 10 50 Gharbar. 11 15 Pages from Ceefax. 1 0 pm News After Noon. 1 30 Mr Benn. 1 45 Pages from Ceefax. 3 53 Regional News (except London and Scotland). 3 55 Lay on Five. 4 10 The Wombles. 4 15 The Biskitts. 4 35 Take Two. 5 0 John Craven's Newsround. 5 10 Duncan Dares. 5 35 Gloria.

6 0 **NEWS**; weather.

6 35 **REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.**

7 0 **WOGAN.**

7 40 **HILARY.** More stagey misadventures with the accident-prone TV researcher (Marti Caine) of the repeated sitcom, now having problems with her mynah bird — called, with par-for-the-course subtlety, Arthur.

8 10 **DALLAS:** Dead End. So who topped Veronica? And where does that leave Jenna's case? Or, indeed, Veronica's, with its owner past declaring anything? Ceefax sub-titles.

9 0 **NEWS:** weather news.

9 25 **Q.E.D.:** Stammering Cured — Andrew R. Bell. In the unlikely setting of an hotel in Kirkcaldy, home of linoleum, eight people have gathered at their own expense in hopes of having their lives transformed in just four days. The eight, like fireman John and nurse Lucia, are all chronic stammerers, all disenchanted with conventional therapies, and all pinning their hopes on a 41-year-old ex-stammerer whose small ad promises that he can cure them, just as he cured himself. Sheila Hayman's film follows the progress of the intensive course as people whose social lives have been crippled, and whose promotion prospects have been impaired, by their affliction put themselves in the hands of the fluent if unconventional Mr Bell.

10 0 **SPORTSNIGHT.** With ITV covering the big Eurosoccer match, Harry Carpenter and the team have to make do with after-the-event reports on Everton's progress in Rotterdam, and a preview of their chances against Manchester United in Saturday's Cup Final. Live action comes from Wolverhampton, with coverage of tonight's three heats in the Greyhound TV Trophy.

11 10 **TAXI:** Elaine And The Monk. Wherein the Sunshine cabbies are introduced to more of Latka and Simka's "old country" customs — and Simka's cousin the monk is introduced to temptation (Marilu Henner). 11 35 Weather; close.

Wales: 5 35-6 0 pm Wales Today. 6 35-7 0 Gloria. Northern Ireland: 5 35 pm Today's Sport. 5 40-6 0 Inside Ulster. 6 35-7 0 Farm View.

BBC-2

6 30-7 20 am Open University. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 9 38 Daytime on Two: Science Workshop; 10 0 You and Me; 10 15 Maths at Work; 10 40 Mindstretchers — Problems; 11 0 Words and Pictures; 11 17 A-Level Statistics; 11 39 A-Level History; 12 5 pm Realidades de Espana; 12 30 Caring for Older People; 12 55 Pages from Ceefax; 1 38 One World; 2 0 Watch; 2 18 Subtitle Slot. 2 40 Zig Zag — Ceefax sub-titles. 3 0 Pages from Ceefax.

5 30 **NEWS** with sub-titles; weather.

5 35 **ARTHUR NEGUS ENJOYS:** Shugborough, Staffordshire.

6 0 **THE INCREDIBLE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RACE.** Christopher Connelly plays Mark Twain, Forrest Tucker his riverman rival, in this jolly family movie charting the race from Missouri to the Pacific which the author turned into a celebrated story. Made in 1977.

7 35 **CARTOON TWO:** 2,000 Wonders. Award-winning animation from Bulgaria.

7 40 **EBONY.** Music and dance on the bill of this edition of the magazine for the Afro-Asian community with View From The Hill, and the Leeds dance teacher Nadine Senior, whose two lessons a week at a Leeds school have produced a dance group who appear on TV, and another teenager who has joined the London School of Contemporary Dance.

8 10 **CATCHING A SNAKE:** Wynton Marsalis — A Profile. "If you put in the energy and the time, you can learn to play classical music. Learning jazz is not as easy — learning jazz is like trying to catch a snake." The speaker is Ellis Marsalis from New Orleans, himself a respected jazz player and proud father of the trumpeter rated by some as potentially the greatest of all time — in both classical and jazz fields. This portrait of the younger Marsalis, the prodigy who at 22 became the first person to win Grammy Awards for both jazz and classical recordings, shows him at work under both hats — recording with the English Chamber Orchestra, and performing with his own jazz band at the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition.

9 0 **BLEAK HOUSE.** Episode six, of eight, of the Dickens dramatisation, with Denholm Elliott as Jarndyce, Diana Rigg as Lady Dedlock, and Suzanne Burden as young Esther, recovering from her illness to learn the truth about her parentage, and to consider a proposal. Ceefax sub-titles.

9 55 **STEPHANE GRAPPELLI.** Another treat for jazz fans.

10 30 **NEWSNIGHT.** 11 15 Weatherview. 11 20 Interval. 11 30 Open University. 12 25 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 9 25 Headlines; Schools: 9 30 Gather Round; 9 47 Finding Out; 10 4 Living and Growing; 10 21 The English Programme; 10 48 The Land; 11 10 Stop, Look, Listen; 11 22 Picture Box; 11 40 History Around You. 11 55 Rub A Dub Dub. 12 0 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden. 12 10 pm Our Backyard. 12 30 Raw Energy. 1 0 News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 A Country Practice. 2 30 On the Market. 3 0 Take the High Road. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 Sons and Daughters. 4 0 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden. 4 15 Crystal Tipps and Alistair. 4 20 Fraggle Rock. 4 50 Razzmatazz. 5 15 Connections.

5 45 **NEWS;** weather.

6 0 **THAMES NEWS.**

6 35 **CORONATION STREET.** Moved out of its usual time slot tonight to make way for the nation's other favourite spectator activity. Oracle sub-titles.

Stephanie Tague in Coronation Street

7 5 **FOOTBALL:** The European Cup-Winners' Cup Final. Live coverage from Rotterdam of the match with which flavour-of-the-season Everton continue their attempt to score an unprecedented soccer treble, against Rapid Vienna. Commentary by Brian Moore, with Brian Clough at his side; Steve Rider in the London studio, aided by Ron Atkinson who, of course, has a personal interest in the outcome.

9 15 **CAPRICORN ONE.** James Brolin, Elliott Gould lead Peter Yates's 1978 action drama, very predictable but redeemed somewhat by an exciting climax, as the first manned space mission to Mars is about to take place. All systems are Go at Houston, the world is watching, and US prestige at stake, so can a little thing like a flaw in the life support system be allowed to spoil the day? Continued after the News, by which time you may also have spotted Brenda Vaccaro, Telly Savalas, Sam Waterston, and Karen Black.

10 0 **NEWS AT TEN;** weather.

10 30 **CAPRICORN ONE.** Part 2.

12 0 **GLADYS KNIGHT AND THE PIPS.** Latest pop profile in James Darren's smarmy Portrait of a Legend series.

12 25 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Mathoor Krishnamurti. Close.

Channel 4

2 15 pm Their Lordships' House. 2 30 Racing from York. 4 30 Isaura the Slave Girl; Fantastico. 5 30 Farming on Four.

6 0 **EVER THOUGHT OF SPORT?** Canoeing. Concluding the series on adventure activities for the young and impecunious.

6 30 **THE HERITAGE GAME.** John Julius Norwich chairs the antiques quiz, coming this week from Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire.

7 0 **CHANNEL FOUR NEWS.** 7 50 Comment by Labour MP John Prescott. Weather.

8 0 **HOW WARS END.** 6: Present Chaos. A. J. P. Taylor concludes his incisive analysis of World War Two's conclusion, pointing out that VE Day was by no means the end of the matter, and that you could make a case for saying that the war didn't technically end until 1955 or even 1958. He foresees no such inconclusive winding-up of World War Three. . . .

8 30 **DIVERSE REPORTS:** Changing China. Officially, computers don't exist in the People's Republic — but a computing manual is a best seller. This secretly shot French film, made on the streets of Shanghai, shows how new economic freedom is introducing the Chinese to the delights of capitalism, like motor-bikes and video games.

9 0 **ABOUT TIME.** 1: Time Is Money. Isaac Newton may have earned a place on our pound notes by expounding the view that there is only one true time in the universe, moving at the same rate in a straight line everywhere, but have we gone wrong by building our lives round this exclusive linear view, thereby repressing the "essential rhythms that define humanity"? This new six-parter sets out to examine concepts of time through the ages, starting with our culture's obsession with the clock.

10 0 **LOU GRANT:** Nazi. Continuing the re-run of the above-par newspaper series, with Edward Asner as City Editor Lou.

11 0 **VOICES.** 1: *Crisis? What Crisis?* Welcome return of the intellectually stimulating series of philosophical discussions, with Chomsky, Sontag, Vonnegut, and Rushdie among the writers and thinkers swopping ideas. Tonight Umberto Eco and Stuart Hall discuss whether the real crisis of our time is our failure to respond intelligently to change.

11 55 **THEIR LORDSHIPS' HOUSE.** 12 10 Close.

Anglia

6 15 As London.
12 30 Vintage Quiz.
1 0 News.
1 20 Anglia News.
1 30 As London.
6 0 About Anglia.
6 35 As London.
12 0 That's Hollywood.
12 30 Christians in Sport; close.

Central

6 15 As London.
12 30 Something to Treasure.
1 0 News.
1 20 Central News.
1 30 Simon & Simon.
2 30 As London.
6 0 Central News.
6 25 As London.
12 0 Close.

Channel

6 15 As London.
11 55 Ali Bongo.
12 0 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Keep it in the Family.
1 0 News.
1 20 Channel News.
1 30 As London.
5 15 Diff'rent Strokes.
5 45 News.
6 0 Channel Report.
6 35 As London.
12 0 Actualites; close.

Granada

6 15 As London.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 0 News.
1 20 Granada Reports.
1 30 As London.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 0 As London.
6 0 This is Your Right.
6 5 Granada Reports.
6 35 As London.
12 0 Freeze Frame.
12 25 Close.

HTV

6 15 As London.
12 30 It's a Vet's Life.
1 0 News.
1 20 HTV News.
1 30 Hart to Hart.
2 30 As London.
6 0 HTV News.
6 35 As London.
12 0 Portrait of a Legend: The Righteous Brothers.
12 30 Weather; close.

Wales: As West except: 6 0-6 35 pm Wales at Six.

South

6 15 As London.
11 55 Cartoon.
12 0 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 0 News.
1 20 TVS News.
1 30 Whose Baby?
2 0 Look Who's Talking.
2 30 As London.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 0 As London.
5 15 Starkids.
5 45 News.
6 0 Coast to Coast.
6 35 As London.
12 0 Nina Simone at Ronnie Scott's.
12 30 Company; Close.

South-West

6 15 As London.
11 55 Ali Bongo.
12 0 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Keep It in the Family.
1 0 News.
1 20 TSW News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 25 Home Cookery Club.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays.
5 20 Benson.
5 45 News.
6 0 Today South-West.
6 35 As London.
12 0 Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees

6 15 As London.
12 30 Bygones.
1 0 News.
1 20 North-East News.
1 25 Where the Jobs Are.
1 30 As London.
6 0 Northern Life.
6 35 As London.
12 0 This Is the Year; close.

Yorkshire

6 15 As London.
12 30 Calendar Lunchtime Live.
1 0 News.
1 20 Calendar Headlines.
1 30 Falcon Crest.
2 30 As London.
6 0 Calendar.
6 35 As London.
12 0 Close.

S4C

1 0 Isaura the Slave Girl; Fantastico.
2 0 Ffalabalam.
2 15 Their Lordships' House.
2 30 Egwyl.
2 35 Hyn o Fyd.
2 55 Racing from York.
4 30 Egwyl.
4 40 Ffalabalam.
4 55 Hanner awr Fawr.
5 30 The Addams Family.
6 0 Brookside.
6 30 Fantomas.
7 0 Newyddion Saith.
7 30 Goreuon Hywel Cwynfryn.
8 0 O Bedwar Ban.
8 35 Y Byd ar Bedwar.
9 10 Film: Stand By Your Man (1981). With Annette O'Toole as Tammy Wynette.
10 55 Diverse Reports.
11 25 Eastern Eye.
12 25 Diwedd.

RADIO

Radio 1

6 0 am Adrian John. 7 0 Mike Read. 9 0 Simon Bates. 12 0 Gary Davies. 2 30 pm Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12 0 John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Colin Berry. 6 0 Ray Moore. 8 5 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Angela Rippon. 1 5 pm David Jacobs. 2 5 Gloria Hunniford including (3 10) Racing from York. 3 30 Music All The Way. 4 5 David Hamilton. 6 5 John Dunn (VHF only from 7 0). 8 0 VHF String Sound. 8 30 VHF Syd Lawrence. 7 0-9 10 medium wave European Soccer Special: Everton v. Rapid Vienna. 9 10 Listen to the Band. 10 0 The Fosdyke Saga. 10 15 Houghton Weavers. 10 30 Hubert Gregg. 11 0 Brian Matthew. 1 0 am Charles Nove. 3 0 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley. 3 30-4 0 Space Force.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather.
7 0 News: Your Midweek Choice.
9 0 News: This Week's Composer: Duke Ellington. Works written between 1944 and 1955 including The perfume suite; The tattooed bride; A tone parallel to Harlem.
10 0 Saint-Saens: Symphony No. 3. Pierre Cochereau (organ), Berlin PO/Karajan.
10 40 Brodsky Quartet. Mozart: String Quartet in A. K464.
11 15 Ulster Orch/Barry Wordsworth. Saint-Saens: Overture to an unfinished comic opera; Bruch: Concerto for two pianos (Richard Markham/David Nettle); Stanford: Serenade in G.
12 15 Concert Hall: Patricia Calnan (violin), Stephen Salkeld (piano). Busoni: Sonata No. 2.
1 0 News: Ben Webster (tenor sax) with Oscar Peterson (piano), Ray Brown (double bass), Ed Thigpen (drums).
1 30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orch/Lawrence. Schubert: Overture Alfonso and Estrella; Shostakovich: Gadfly Romance; Franz Strauss: Horn Concerto; Jarnefelt: Berceuse; Praeludium; Saint-Saens: Morceau de concert; Kodaly: Dances from Marosszek.
2 30 New Chamber Ensemble of Wales. Peter Muller: Quintet No. 3; Jean Francaix: Quintette.
3 10 Brahms and Joachim: A Musical Friendship. Brahms: Tragic Overture (Columbia/Walter); Joachim: Violin Concerto No. 3 (Takako Nishizaki/Stuttgart RSO/Minsky).
4 0 Choral Evensong from St Albans Abbey.
4 55 News: Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Choral Voices: Renaissance and Queen's University Belfast Children's Choir. Songs by Thiman, Tallis, Shield, Britten, Vaughan Williams, John Gardner, and Polish folk songs.
7 0 International Young Artists. Vagn Holmboe: Sonata; Ole Schmidt: Toccata No. 1 (Jostein Stalheim, accordion); Ravel: Sheherazade (Marianne Rorholm/Oslo PO/Salonen).
7 30 Three Attempted Acts. Short plays with associated themes by Martin Crimp. The Appreciation of Music; Making Love; Suicide.
8 40 Handel and Haydn. BBC Welsh Chorus and SO/Norrington, John Scott (organ). Handel: Coronation Anthems — Zadok the Priest; Let thy hand be strengthened; Haydn: Symphony No. 92.
9 30 Six Continents.
9 50 Handel and Haydn. Haydn: Organ Concerto; Handel: Coronation Anthems — The King shall rejoice; My heart is inditing.
10 35 The Torcello Peacocks. Story by Benedict Blathwayt.
11 0 Ton Koopman (harpsichord). Works by Byrd, Louis Couperin, Froberger, Fiocco, Handel, D. Scarlatti. 11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today including 7 0, 8 0 News; 8 35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 0 News; Midweek: Libby Purves.
10 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time from Fulham.
10 30 Morning Story: The Assassin by Terence Hards.
10 45 Daily Service.
11 0 News; You the Jury. Debate on 'The BBC Should No Longer Be Funded By Licence Fee Alone.'
11 45 English Now: Pidgin and Creole.
12 0 News; You and Yours.
12 27 The Meistersprınger. Thriller serial by Berkely Mather (4).
1 0 The World at One: News.
1 40 The Archers.
2 0 News; Woman's Hour. With guest Alice Walker, American novelist.
3 0 News; Afternoon Play: When You and I Were Seventeen, by Hugh Jenkins.
3 47 Time for Verse.
4 0 News: File on 4: South Africa — reform or revolution?
4 40 Story Time: The Past is Myself, by Christabel Bielenberg (8).
5 0 PM. News magazine.
6 0 The Six O'Clock News.
6 30 After Henry. Comedy series.
7 0 News; The Archers.
7 20 Checkpoint.
7 45 Groundswell: What will happen to our cities when the metropolitan councils are abolished?
8 15 In Business. Commerce mag.
8 45 Analysis: The Unpromised Land. New ideas for the Israeli-occupied West Bank.
9 30 The Corncrake and the Lysander. Memories of a Hebridean boyhood.
9 45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
10 15 A Book at Bedtime: My Uncle Silas, by H. E. Bates (1).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 The Financial World Tonight.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 0 News; weather; interval.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

VHF: 11 0-12 0 am Schools. 1 55 pm Listening Corner. 2 5-3 0 Schools. 11 0 Study on 4. 11 30-12 10 am Open University. 12 30-1 10 Schools' Night-time Broadcasting.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 25 Dafydd Roberts. 7 33 AM. 10 3 Mike Flynn. 11 30 Fair Play. 12 30 pm Meet For Lunch. 1 40 Catchphrase 1. 1 45 The Russell Grant Show. 3 30 Get Gardening. 4 0 Four-Five-Six. 6 0 As Radio 4. 7 0 Catchphrase 2. 7 5 As Radio 4. 7 45 Six Plays on Wales. 8 45 As Radio 4. 9 45 Interlude. 9 55-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather. Gwelor Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Ar Gof A Chadw. 10 2 Galw Alun. 11 0 Newyddion Dn. 11 10 Ysgolion. 11 30 Stondin Doyddiol. 12 15 pm Talwrn y Beirdd. 1 0 Ar vr Awr. 1 20 Hwyl ar y Mastiau. 1 50 O Glawr i Glawr. 2 0 Ysgolion. 3 25 Intermezzo. 3 47 Gwelor Radio 4. 5 0 Post Prynhawn. 6 0 Gwelor Wales. 8 45 Gwelor Radio 4. 10 15 Newyddion. Ar Hyd y Nos. 11 30-1 10 am Gweler Radio 4 VHF.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 30 Good Morning Scotland. 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 3 Macgregor's Gathering. 12 2 pm Between Ourselves. 12 30 Lunchtime Report News. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Iain Anderson. 2 3 Taking Issue with Colin Bell. 3 3 Art Sutter. 5 0 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News: Farming News. 6 30 The Clydesdale Connection. 7 2 Along the Highland Edge. 7 30 The Light Programme. 8 0 Cargill Collection. 10 0 News: Tom Ferrie. 12 0 Close. As Radio 4.

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"HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S. Exp.
THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
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"An Absolutely Inspired Performance" Fin. Times.
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ALBERY. 836 3878. CC. 379 6565/379 6433. Grp. Sales. 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 8.00. Thurs. mat. 3.00 and Sat. 5.00 and 8.15.
THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH by GEORGE AXELROD
"SPARKLING COMEDY" D. Tel.
Starring
PATRICK MOWER "Dashing rakish." Gdn.
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PAUL EDDINGTON & FELICITY KENDAL
SIMON CADELL in TOM STOPPARD'S
JUMPERS
with ANDREW SACHS
Directed by PETER WOOD

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FIGARO
MOZART'S MUSICAL COMEDY
THE NEW STAGE VERSION
IT'S MOZART BUT IS IT OPERA?
Prevs. from June 5. Opens June 12.

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"Perfect" (Observer) in
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The new hit Musical
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Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
Lyrics by Richard Stilgoe
Directed by Trevor Nunn
"A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION," D. Exp.
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BARBICAN. 01-628 8795/638 8891 CC (Mon.-Sun. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.). For inclusive hotel package 01-330 7111.
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
BARBICAN THEATRE HENRY V ton't 7.30 (runs 3 hrs. 10 — tkts. avail. June 5, 6). Day seats from 10 am. HAMLET tkts. avail. June.
THE PIT. TODAY by Robert Holman ton't 7.0 (runs 3 hrs. — tkts. avail. May 23. 2 pm). THE WAR PLAYS by Edward Bond Pts. 1 & II from May 29.
RSC also at Mermaid.

BLOOMSBURY THEATRE. 387 9629. Solid State Art/American Festival MUSIC-DANCE-VIDEO. Ton't., 8 pm. Solomons Co Dance, Sheila Kaminsky, New Music Consort, Video Film-maker — Tom Patrick.

CABARET PICCADILLY. Denman St. 437 6005. CC 379 6565. This Fri. & Sat. 11 pm. Adm. £5.
JOHN COOPER CLARKE
& Johnny Hubcap & The Axles

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE. 0243 781312. Coward's CAVALCADE, Alternating with ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA. Eves. 7.30. Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2.30. First night Wed. May 15 at 7.0.

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BILL PERTWEE
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"TRIUMPH ON TAP" Eve Std.
STEPPING OUT
The Hit Comedy by Richard Harris
Directed by Julia McKenzie
THIS YEAR'S COMEDY OF THE YEAR
Standard Drama Award 1984
"LAUGH YOURSELF SILLY" T. Out
"Had the first night audience yelling for more." D. Mail. "Must surely take the town. GO NOW." D. Tel. "Roars of approval," Times. "It's going to tap, tap, tap forever." N.o.W. "A brand new All Dancing, All Joking Smash Hit Comedy . . . A GREAT EVENING," BBC

DONMAR WAREHOUSE, Earlham St., Cov. Gdn. 836 3028. CC 379 6565/6433. Prevs. from May 24. Opens May 30. Mon-Thur. 7.30. Fri. & Sat. 6.0 & 8.30.
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DOROTHY TUTIN
in
OTHER PLACES
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"The acting by Colin Blakely . . . Dorothy Tutin & Susan Engel has no equal in London." S. Times. "A Kind of Alaska & One For The Road are indisputedly masterpieces." "As rewarding an evening of theatre as to be found anywhere now in London." S. Tel. "Spellbinding." Times. Evgs. Mon.-Thurs. 7.30. Fri. & Sat. 6.00 & 8.30.

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THIS YEAR'S COMEDY OF THE YEAR
Laurence Olivier Awards 1984
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"A wonderful comedy." S. Times. "Splendid . . ." D. Tel. "One of the funniest and least pretentious plays you are ever going to see . . . Totally hysterical" — Obs. "Excitement and hilarity. . . . Persuading the audience to clap and cheer" — S. Tel. "A joy" S. Exp.

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THIRD GREAT YEAR

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. Previews evgs. 7.45. Mat. Sat. 2.30. Opens May 20 at 7.0. Subs. evgs. 7.45. Mats. Sat. 2.30. TENNESSEE WILLIAMS'S THE GLASS MENAGERIE.

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MICHAEL GAMBON
NICOLA PAGETT
in
OLD TIMES
by Harold Pinter
Directed by David Jones
"It is thrilling to see work of such quality in the West End." S. Times. "Extraordinarily funny." S. Tel. "Immaculate, teasing . . . unequivocally sexual . . . a gilt-edged, all-star, first rate revival." Gdn.
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Directed by Charles Sturridge
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LYRIC THEATRE, SHAFTESBURY AVE. 437 3686/7 cc 434 1050, 434 1550. Previews May 22, 23 (Mat. & Evg.). Opens May 24
JUDI DENCH
DANIEL MASSEY
in
The Royal Shakespeare Co. Production of
WASTE
by Harley Granville Barker
Directed by John Barton
Mon.-Fri. 7.30. Thurs. Mat. 3.0. Saturday 5 & 8.15
STRICTLY LIMITED SEASON MUST CLOSE JULY 27

LYTTELTON. 928 2252. CC 928 5933. S (National Theatre's proscenium stage). Ton't., 7.45, Tomor., 2.30 (low price mat.) & 7.45, then May 17 to 22 & June 3 & 4 the multi-award -winning play WILD HONEY by Chekhov, version by Michael Frayn.

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IAN CULLEN in
World premiere of a play about St Paul
MAN OF TWO WORLDS
By Daniel Pearce
Dir. by Bernard Hopkins

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ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. Marcel Carne's LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG). Films 4.10. & 7.30. Ends May 16.

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CLOSE. — To LESLEY & NICHOLAS CLOSE, a daughter, Rebecca Sarah, at 12.17 pm on May 11, 1985.

DEATHS

BROCK (ARTHUR SYDNEY). — On May 10, 1985, peacefully, in a nursing home, late of Timperley, Cheshire, aged 95 years, the dear Father of Kenneth, Muriel and Effie, devoted Grandpa of Alison and Alan. Service and committal at Altrincham Crematorium today, Wednesday, May 15, at 3.00 pm. Enquiries to: Kenneth Dewey & Sons, Park Funeral Services, Altrincham. Tel (061) 928 4456.

CASHMAN. — John and Danavally Cashman wish to give their deepest and sincerest Thanks for the privilege of knowing their Daughter ST'MAHI KELLY EMILY, born Jan 3, 1985, died May 9, 1985. Thanks to doctors and their staff at Leeds General Infirmary, Clarendon Wing New Born Unit; doctors and their staff, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary Special Care Baby Unit. These thanks extended from her Grandparents Mrs Round, Mr and Mrs Paramesvam, and all her Uncles, Aunts, Nephews and Nieces in England, Malaysia, India, and the United States of America. The funeral will be held at Huddersfield Crematorium, on Thursday, May 16, at 3.00 pm. Flowers to Co-operative Chapel of Repose, St Thomas Road, Huddersfield, Yorks., for 1.30 pm please. Would friends please accept this intimation.

COLMER. — On May 8, peacefully, in hospital, ALICE MARY, aged 86 years, loving Wife of the late Sidney, and beloved Mother of Mary. Funeral service at Christ Church, Wanstead, at 1 pm Wednesday, May 15, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired to Overseas Fund of the Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner House, Tufton Street, Westminster.

DICKS. — On May 11, 1985, at The Avenue Clinic, Hove, after an illness borne with courage, CYRIL OSWALD, Fellow of The Institute of Bankers, the beloved and loving Husband of Jessica Dicks. Funeral today, Wednesday, May 15, at at 1.30 pm, at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton. At his request, no flowers, but if desired, donations in memory may be sent to Quaker Peace and Service, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.

HOUSTON (DR JOHN). — On May 11, 1985, suddenly, in Bristol, of Ince Road, Thornton, Liverpool 23, beloved Husband of Isobel, dear Father of Iain Isbbel, David and Families. Service at Thornton Crematorium on Thursday, May 16, at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to the British Heart Foundation, 5 Castle Street, Liverpool 2. Inqs to: H. Leslie Humphreys Ltd. 051-924 4805.

KIDD. — On May 13, 1985, GRACE KIDD, daughter of the late C. E. and Grace E. Kidd of Oldham and Lytham. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to St Ann's Hospice, or the British Red Cross Society. Funeral service at St Thomas's Church, Werneth, Oldham on Thursday, May 16, 3.15 pm, prior to committal at Oldham Crematorium, 4 pm. Enquiries: G. Barlow & Sons Ltd. 061-624 4301.

SIMMS (HERBERT GREENWOOD SIMMS) (Bert). — On May 12, 1985, peacefully at his home in Gatley (Cheshire), after a brief illness. Beloved Husband of the late Phyllis Simms. Funeral private. No flowers please. Inquiries to Jonathan Alcock & Sons Ltd. Tel 061-428 2097.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CONYERS, BERNARD. — A memorial service for the late Bernard Conyers, Director of the Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research, will be held at St. Margarets Church, Westminster, London SW1 at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 4, 1985.

PUBLIC NOTICES

INVESTIGATION BY THE MONOPOLIES AND MERGERS COMMISSION — PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF MATTHEW BROWN PLC BY SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE BREWERIES PLC.

On April 24, 1985, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for investigation and report under the provisions of the Fair Trading Act, 1973, the proposed acquisition of Matthew Brown PLC by Scottish & Newcastle Breweries PLC.

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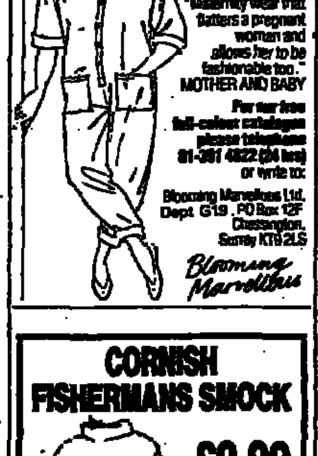

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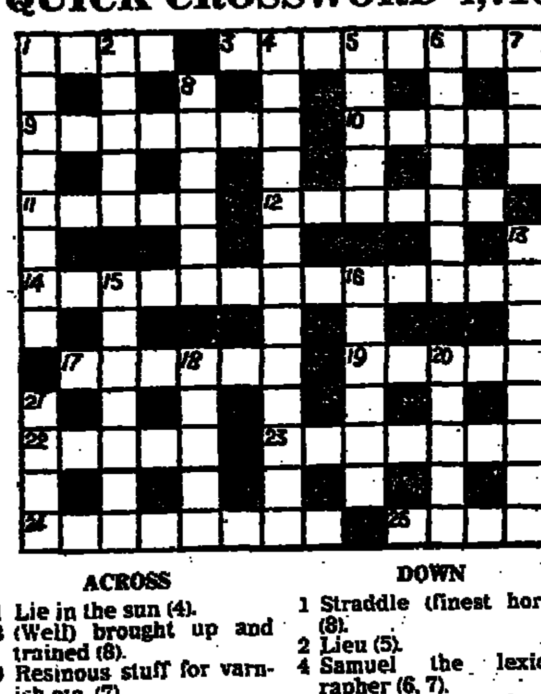

ACROSS

1 Lie in the sun (4).
3 (Well) brought up and trained (8).
9 Resinous stuff for varnish etc. (7).
10 Winged missile (5).
11 Direction-finding apparatus (5).
12 Endangered predatory bird (6).
14 Very flexible (of fingers etc.) (6-7).
17 Roofing reeds (6).
19 Dig (5).
22 Large antelope (5).
23 Welsh city (7).
24 Oblique (glance) (8).
25 Chief (4).

DOWN

1 Straddle (finest horse!) (8).
2 Lieu (5).
4 Samuel the lexicographer (6, 7).
5 Muscular contraction (5).
6 Rushing stream (7).
7 Wet — as the eyes of innocence! (4).
8 More than one (6).
13 How to get a word in if one can? (8).
15 People shouldn't be condemned so (7).
16 Sort of summer or corn (6).
18 Sort of river or wave (5).
20 Rope with noose (5).
21 Ruler of Olympian gods (4).

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Across: 1 Dead duck; 5 Calm; 9 Mores; 10 Secular; 11 Companion-way; 13 Author; 14 Oppose; 17 Queen's Flight; 20 Ingress; 21 Halve; 22 Hire; 23 Studious.

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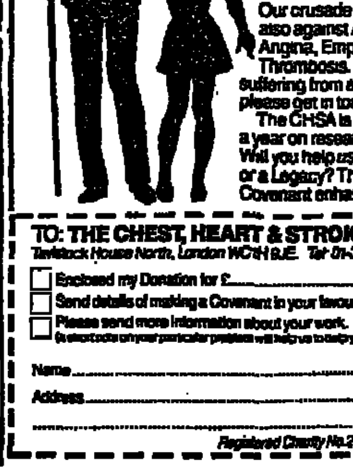

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Lords pledge over Ilea's future

By John Carvel, Political Correspondent

The future of the Inner London Education Authority seemed more secure last night after a backstage promise by Lord Denham, the Government's chief whip in the Lords, to the Rt Rev Graham Leonard, the Bishop of London.

Lord Denham pledged that the Government would not resist the bishop's amendments to protect Ilea when the GLC abolition bill came to report stage in the Lords.

Ministers are still reserving their right to expunge the amendments when the bill returns to the Commons, but such a step would cause delay in the very tight abolition timetable and could cause postponement of the summer recess.

The bishop's amendments would remove contingency clauses allowing the Government to dismember parts of Ilea by parliamentary Order, without fresh legislation.

The bishop and opposition peers believed they won this point on Monday when the Lords defeated the Government for the fourth time on the abolition bill.

The bishop went off to attend to other episcopal business while the House heard a statement on the Bradford disaster.

When peers returned to the bill's committee stage Lord Gowrie, for the Government, insisted that its defeat only related to a single minor amendment, not to the rest of the bishop's package.

In the confusion, the rest of the package was not put to a vote. Opposition peers claimed that they were the victims of excessively fancy footwork by Lord Gowrie.

Lord Denham said yesterday that after reading Hansard he had concluded that there was a genuine misunderstanding.

"I rang the bishop and told him that if he put his other amendments at report stage he could expect them to go through without a division."

The House clearly intended the amendments package to go through, Lord Denham said.

"I got on to him first," he added. There was no ill faith on either side.

Mrs Frances Morrell, the Labour leader of Ilea, said: "The Government tried to reverse its devastating defeat by backdoor means. The Lords had not been taken in by it. The Lords won a significant victory."

The Government yesterday defeated another opposition attempt to amend the abolition bill in the Lords. An amendment to establish a London strategic arts and leisure authority was defeated by 172 votes to 143.

SILENT TRIBUTE: People pay homage to those who died in the Bradford fire with flowers outside the gutted main stand yesterday. Picture by Don McPhee

Abortion risk for medical trials women

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

Up to 4,000 pregnant women are to run a higher risk of spontaneous abortion in a trial for a new method of prenatal diagnosis aimed at identifying congenital defects.

The tests, announced by the Medical Research Council yesterday, are intended to examine the safety of a technique called chorion villus sampling (CVS). Doctors in 20 UK hospitals, as well as some on the Continent will compare the new method with the conventional test for congenital defects, amniocentesis.

Women volunteering will not be told which test they are being given and the majority will be in their late thirties and early forties and most at risk of having babies suffering from Down's syndrome.

On the face of it, CVS is a great advance. It involves removing a tiny piece of the placenta at about nine or 10 weeks of pregnancy and examining the cells to spot defects such as Down's syndrome, muscular dystrophy and sickle cell disease. The mother may then be reassured that her baby is well — or if it is not, given the option of termination before the 12th week of pregnancy.

Amniocentesis is not usually performed until around 19 weeks of pregnancy. Some of the amniotic fluid surrounding the baby is removed, the cells are isolated, cultured and analysed to spot defects. If the news is bad the mother will not have the option of termination until the fetus is around 20 weeks old. Abortion at that stage is substantially more traumatic.

CVS carries a higher risk of causing a spontaneous abortion — between 2 and 5 per cent compared with 1 per cent for amniocentesis. To collect cells off the tiny hair-like projections from the placenta (chorionic villi), a canula is inserted into the vagina, and a tube is passed into the uterus. The doctor guides the tube with the help of an ultrasound-generated picture, and sucks up a minute amount of matter.

The process might expose the baby to infection, said Dr Iain Chalmers, director of the Department of Health and Social Security's perinatal epidemiology unit at Oxford and co-ordinator of the research council trial.

"The mother will be told it is an experimental procedure before she volunteers," said the working party's chairman, Dr Thomas Meade. "Doctors will explain the risks," the council's secretary, Sir James Gowans added.

Mothers with previous abnormal pregnancies will generally be able to opt for CVS but many centres are without the necessary facilities for all. The council argues that in these circumstances it is only fair to allocate the two types of test at random, this also being more valid scientifically.

There is concern at the amount of information women will be given before they volunteer. The Maternity Alliance said: "The only choice a woman will have is whether she wants to enter the trial, so she must be clearly informed of the benefits and risks of both CVS and amniocentesis.

"Women having babies in their late thirties find it difficult to decide whether to have amniocentesis—this trial will make that decision even more difficult."

Volunteers' law sought, page 4

Younger announces details of the £50 million package

Scottish rates relief bill to get swift passage

By Colin Brown and Jean Stead

The Government's £50 million package to defuse the row in Scotland about heavy increases in rates demands was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr George Younger, the Scottish Secretary.

A bill providing about £40 million in commercial rates relief and £10 million for domestic ratepayers will be rushed through the Commons before the summer.

The Opposition generally welcomed the announcement, but did not spare Mr Younger some derision for producing the money to avoid a confrontation with Tory supporters at last week's party conference in Perth.

The shadow Scottish secretary, Mr Donald Dewar, also warned Mr Younger that the Opposition would want a firm commitment in principle that the aid for the ratepayers hit by this year's rating revaluation would continue for the next five years.

Mr Younger, who has won a fierce cabinet battle with the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, to secure the money, was unable to give more than a nod and a wink towards Mr Dewar's demand. He said his office would look at the matter when it came to make the rate support grants assessment in the autumn.

Ratepayers in Scotland will have to claim the extra relief for this year's rates. The Scottish Office, as well as drafting the bill and the parliamentary Order carrying much of the detail, is considering issuing a simplified claim form to ratepayers.

Mr Younger said in his Commons statement that the relief would be available to those whose rateable value had been increased threefold on the 1984 valuation. It would be common to domestic and commercial ratepayers, but would be subject to a ceiling to ensure that the maximum help was given to smaller businesses.

The Treasury will strongly resist any attempt to keep this machinery for rating relief in existence beyond next year.

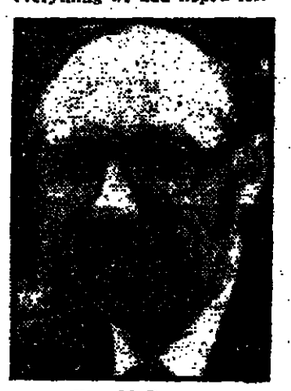
But Scottish ministers said privately last night that they believed once the mechanism was in place, it would be used again.

The announcement was received with relief in Scotland, but also with a warning that Mr Younger must continue to do battle with the Treasury if he is to count on Tory support in the forthcoming regional elections next year.

Though the £10 million in domestic rates relief came as a surprise, Mr Younger said that it had always been intended to give this extra sum. Details had not been released at the Tory conference in Perth because of the necessity to tell Parliament first.

One of the leaders of the Tory revolt against rate rises, Councillor Brian Meek, convener of the Lothian Regional Council, said: "I think it is marvellous." He said that it would be politically unrealistic not to repeat the financial help next year.

A warning that it might be possible for people to pick up the £10,000 maximum relief several times from branches of their businesses was given by Mr Bill Anderson, the Scottish secretary of the National Association of the Self-Employed and Small Businessmen. Otherwise, he said, "the package was everything we had hoped for."



Donald Dewar: demands future aid

Check is urged into payments to junior hospital doctors

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

A review of payments to junior doctors on hospital standby duties was demanded by the National Audit Office yesterday after disclosures that spending exceeded estimates by £34 million a year.

Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor-General, told MPs in a report published yesterday that too many junior doctors may be receiving higher allowances than necessary to provide an adequate service.

The discrepancies are over payments called "units of medical time" (UMTs) paid to junior doctors who work more than a 40-hour week.

Under a 1975 agreement these payments are made at two rates — a higher rate for those on standby or working in hospitals, and a lower rate for doctors who are just on call.

When introduced, it was estimated that the two rates of payments would be collected equally by junior doctors.

An investigation has revealed that 88 per cent of payments are being made at the higher rate.

The National Audit Office has also discovered that in 12 authorities no standards existed for determining which level of payment was required. There was no monitoring of the workload of doctors claiming the higher allowances.

Where savings had forced health authorities to examine doctors' workloads, one authority had achieved savings of £95,000 and another nearly £80,000.

Sir Gordon concludes: "A review of the present system is called for, at least to establish more clearly appropriate ground rules or, to find an alternative system which more closely reflects the workload of individual junior doctors."

The report also discovered an uneven distribution of merit and distinction awards to top consultants. Some 61 per cent of consultants in paediatrics in England held awards compared with only 14 per cent in accident and emergency and 25 per cent in geriatric medicine.

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor-General: National Health Service: Hospital Based Medical Manpower, Stationery Office. £4.30.

Pym pours scorn on 'governing by slogan'

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described them as erratic. Well, if there is one adjective that surely cannot be applied to the unemployment figures, it is erratic. They have been remorselessly consistent, month in and month out, for many years."

He accused the Government of imprisoning itself in an ideological strait-jacket and said that it had given round after round of ammunition to its political opponents. "It stands in danger of being sunk by its own shells," he said.

Now that Mr Pym has now raised high his banner of rebellion, his back bench colleagues are watching with interest to see how he now proceeds.

He must now continue his argument against Mrs Thatcher and her senior ministers, and many of his opponents in the party are waiting for the slightest signal that he will now retreat from the position he staked out last night.

His task of recruiting a large number of Tory MPs is formidable but, given the tone of his remarks last night, it is clearly an operation which he relishes.

Reports yesterday that Lord Carrington, the former Foreign Secretary, was promoting a new research centre for wet Tories surprised supporters of Mr Pym's group.

They had no idea that an exercise involving Lord Carrington, now Nato's secretary-general, was under way to win financial support from industrialists for the centre. Some of the most dedicated wets, willing to support Mr Pym, dismissed the need for a new think tank.

Asbestos dump clearance condemned

By Jean Stead, Scottish Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence announced yesterday that it is moving part of Britain's biggest asbestos dump so that building work can begin at the Trident base at Faslane on the Clyde.

About 3,000 cubic metres of asbestos are being moved in 400 lorries and ships in the next eight weeks from the yard adjoining the submarine base, so that jetties can be rebuilt to accommodate surface frigates and mine-hunters.

The 62-acre site contains 100,000 cubic metres of dangerous blue, white and brown asbestos from ships broken up after the war.

The plan was described last night as "a bloody outrage" by Mr Charles Gray, deputy leader of Strathclyde regional council.

"They are prepared to take this dangerous stuff over about 40 miles of road through our villages and townships around Glasgow. We shall do everything in our power to stop it," he said.

Dumbarton District Council is planning legal action to stop the transport of asbestos.

The site clearance marks the first stage of a construction programme for Trident.

Yesterday's announcement from the Defence Ministry said that asbestos would be taken to Glenboig, a newly-licensed asbestos dump in the Monklands district, near Glasgow.

Some asbestos will be taken in bags from Faslane to Greenock, across the Clyde, and by road to Glenboig.

A spokesman at Faslane said a special safety consultancy would monitor the operation and the Dumbarton environmental health officer would have access to the site

Safe bagging and burial of asbestos would be under the direction of the Government's Property Services Agency.

Advice bureau told not to refuse racists help

By Stephen Cook

The Citizen's Advice Bureau in Newham, east London, risks expulsion from the national association for the bureau if it refuses advice to people who have extreme racial views or are involved in racial harassment.

The Newham CAB, in common with the Law Centre and 10 other advice and community groups in the area, has adopted a policy of backing staff who refuse to help people considered to be active racialists.

The director of the National Association of Citizen's Advice Bureau, Ms Elizabeth Filkin, said yesterday that a bureau which went against the national open-door policy and refused help to a client risked losing its membership of the association.

"We wouldn't do that lightly and would make great efforts to solve the problem by other means," she said. "Newham have taken a local decision, based on local knowledge, that certain political groups are trying to do harm to the CAB."

Advice centres in Newham say that racial attacks on the large Bengali community there have been increasing. The question of whether to refuse advice arose after the borough council had evicted a white family from their council home for harassing Asian neighbours.

Mr Andrew Balchin, of Newham Rights Centre, said the evicted family had problems with welfare benefits and went to the CAB at the suggestion of National Front activists. The CAB was closed, and the family got advice from Ilford CAB instead.

He said that after the staff of the advice agencies had discussed the matter, their unions and management committees agreed to support them if they refused advice to "known racists" or people who expressed extreme racialist views.

However, the east London area committee of 23 CABS decided that although it sympathised with Newham's position the open door policy was of overriding importance. It declined to ask the national association to change the rules.

Mr Balchin said the change of policy had been essential to preserve the confidence of black and Asian clients. "We are expecting more of these cases since Newham is planning to evict other families for racial harassment and some other boroughs are to follow suit."

Ms Filkin said there was no prospect of the open door rules being changed.

Mayor's pledge on homes

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the police to remove the cult, may have been regretting their action yesterday as they looked at the smouldering ruins of their homes. "It's ridiculous. Why did they have to burn down the whole block?" asked one resident. Another said: "They don't bring a solution to the problem. They inflame it by using these kinds of weapons."

The police came to the neighbourhood after repeated complaints from neighbours of violence, squalor, rats, garbage and late night screaming and yelling. They were also especially alert to the group because of its violent background. The siege started to get out of hand when Move allegedly opened fire on police officers.

Yesterday, however, as neighbours looked at the wreckage of their homes in a turn-of-the-century street of terraced houses, it was the police and city who were the subject of their anger. "What you see here is a classic example of citizens being ignored by their government," said one federal worker.

Residents who watched their houses burning down yelled "Assassins" and "Murderers" at the police squads collected around the house. The fire department, whose helicopter had dropped the bomb, refused for more than an hour, to douse the flames for fear of being shot by the extremists. Mayor Goode, with his career apparently buried beneath the rubble, sought to make the best of a bad job. "It is easy to second-guess what happened here," he said.

Safeguard for York Minster

A new lightning conductor system is being installed at York Minster which was badly damaged last July by a fire caused by lightning.

The system involves two and a half miles of copper strip and rods with conductors connected to hundreds of earthing points. It will cost £48,000.

£3.3m estate

Sir William Lyons, founder of Jaguar cars, who died in February, aged 83, left an estate valued at £3,417,111 gross, £3,356,278 net. Most of it was left to his widow.

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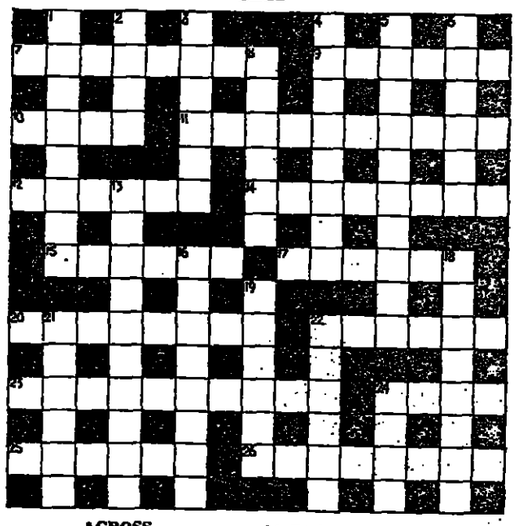

ACROSS

7 "Cocktail?" "No!" bawls Left (8).
9 Penny puts on weight in spring (6).
10 Sentimentality in Egypt? (4).
11 Replica or mirror-image of a chimney is starting to crumble (10).
12 Stick to the demon drink (6).
14 Consuming liquor, Renee is bowled over by mechanic (8).
15 Meal is about to be finished (6).
17 10 is to give us a ring (6).
20 Wartime suicide of king with a labyrinth a king entered (8).
22 Songs of Praise has footnote on charity (6).
23 5-star performance in heaven by creator of 18 of 22ac. (10).

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L	O	W	P	R	I	C	E	■	S	H	O	W	I	T
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P	A	G	O	D	A	■	A	S	P	H	O	D	E	L

24 Right, Ben — back to the industrial area! (4).
25 A paternalistic figure, the deity, with a temple (6).
26 Still at the Deer 'n' Insect? (8).

DOWN

1 In class, queen finds grass (8).
2 Return book about Jerusalem's performers: it's one of a pair (4).
3 Harassment for ship in ship-shape surrounds (6).
4 Tip-top! Go prune a revolutionary statement for the defence (8).
5 Piece of 23 acceptable, in limited company, in Fitzgerald (10).
6 A liquid measure of employment is to blame (6).
8 A tenacious sort, though slack and other-worldly (6).
13 The coal pit rap may be useful in installations (10).
16 Whereby I took a fancy to anaemic workmen? (8).
18 My, my! — turned out fake composition (8).
19 Churchman turns Southern States against . . . (6).
21 . . . involving stars with inverted culture in Los Angeles (6).
22 Time to give Doris some money? (6).
24 Standing in a row (4).

Solution tomorrow

THE WEATHER

Scattered showers

A DEPRESSION over southern Scotland will move slowly northeast.

Lincs, SE, Cent S, SW England, E Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Scattered showers. Sunny intervals. Wind variable, mainly SW, light or moderate. Max. temp. 14 to 16C (57–61F).

E Scotland, Borders, NE England: Rain, heavy at times, clearing to showers. Wind SW, moderate or fresh. Max. temp. 13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Cloudy with rain, some heavy and hill fog. Becoming showery later with bright intervals developing. Wind SW, moderate or fresh. Max. temp. 13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland: Heavy and thundery, becoming intermittent later. Hill fog. Wind variable, light, becoming SW. Max. temp. 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Dry at first. Rain soon spreading from S, heavy at times. Wind NE, moderate or fresh. Max. temp. 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Outlook: Showers and sunny intervals. Becoming warmer.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	9.52 pm to 4.47 am
Birmingham	9.28 pm to 4.40 am
Bristol	9.26 pm to 4.47 am
Glasgow	9.51 pm to 4.34 am
London	9.14 pm to 4.37 am
Manchester	9.32 pm to 4.37 am
Newcastle	9.36 pm to 4.27 am
Nottingham	9.25 pm to 4.36 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	— am	12.04 pm
Dover	9.29 am	9.34 pm
Liverpool	9.18 am	9.53 pm

SUN RISES 5.09 am
SUN SETS 8.44 pm
MOON RISES 3.58 am
MOON SETS 4.05 pm
MOON: New May 19.

AROUND THE WORLD

Lunch-time Reports

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	S	18	64	Luxembourg	C	12	54
Alciers	C	19	66	Madrid	C	16	61
Amsterdam	C	15	61	Majorca	F	20	68
Athens	S	23	73	Malaga	F	25	77
Bahrain	S	31	88	Malta	F	25	77
Barcelona	F	20	68	Manchester	S	17	63
Belgrade	S	19	66	Melbourne	S	17	63
Berlin	S	16	61	Mexico City	S	22	72
Bermuda	F	25	77	Miami	S	31	88
Biarritz	F	17	63	Montreal	C	15	59
Birmingham	R	10	50	Moscow	S	23	73
Bombay	S	33	91	Munich	S	22	72
Bordeaux	S	13	55	Naples	S	22	72
Boston	F	24	75	Nassau	F	28	82
Brighton	S	16	61	Newcastle	C	8	46
Bristol	C	13	55	New Delhi	S	36	97
Brussels	C	11	52	New York	S	27	81
Budapest	F	26	79	Nice	S	17	63
Cardiff	F	13	55	Oporto	S	16	61
Cairo	S	27	81	Oslo	S	21	70
Cape Town	F	22	72	Paris	C	12	54
Casablanca	F	19	66	Peking	C	22	72
Chicago	F	10	50	Perth	S	20	68
Cologne	S	16	61	Prague	S	19	66
Copenhagen	S	21	70	Reykjavik	S	12	54
Corfu	S	27	81	Riyadh	F	38	100
Dublin	C	11	52	Rhodes	S	22	72
Dubrovnik	S	25	77	Rio	S	24	75
Edinburgh	R	9	48	Rome	S	20	68
Faro	C	18	61	Singapore	S	31	88
Florence	F	21	70	Salzburg	S	21	70
Frankfurt	F	18	64	Seoul	S	25	77
Funchal	C	17	63	Stockholm	S	19	66
Geneva	F	17	63	Strasbourg	S	19	66
Gibraltar	F	18	64	Sydney	F	18	64
Glasgow	R	11	52	Tangier	F	17	63
Helsinki	S	18	66	Tel-Aviv	F	22	72
Hong Kong	S	27	81	Tenerife	F	24	75
Innsbruck	F	22	72	Tokyo	S	18	64
Inverness	F	9	48	Tunis	S	20	68
Istanbul	S	21	70	Valencia	F	19	66
Karachi	S	39	102	Vancouver	C	11	52
Larnaca	S	24	75	Venice	S	22	72
Las Palmas	F	22	72	Vienna	S	26	79
Lisbon	F	21	70	Wellington	R	9	48
Locarno	F	19	66	Warsaw	S	23	73
London	R	10	50	Washington	S	25	84
Los Angeles	S	19	66	Zurich	S	18	64

C, Cloudy; F, Fair; R, Rain; S, Sunny. Previous day's readings.

SEA PASSAGES

Southern North Sea: moderate becoming slight.
Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): smooth or slight.
St George's Channel: smooth.
Irish Sea: moderate.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6pm yesterday:

	Sunshine hrs.	Rain in.	Max. Temp. C	F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND					
London	—	.38	11	52	Rain
Birmingham	0.4	.17	10	50	Rain
Bristol	0.1	.03	13	55	Rain pm
Cambridge	1.9	.43	11	52	Thunder
Blackpool	0.2	.13	14	57	Rain am
Manchester	—	.21	12	54	Thunder pm
Nottingham	—	.55	9	48	Thunder pm
Newcastle	—	.46	9	48	Rain
Carlisle	—	.29	12	54	Rain
EAST COAST					
Tynemouth	—	.44	8	46	Rain
Scarborough	—	.17	9	48	Rain
Bridlington	—	.58	9	48	Rain pm
Skegness	—	.30	9	48	Rain pm
Lowestoft	—	.28	10	50	Rain
Clacton	1.5	.34	10	50	Rain
Margate		.50	11	52	Thunder am
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	1.0	.48	11	52	Rain
Hastings	—	.85	11	52	Rain
Eastbourne	—	.61	13	55	Rain
Brighton	1.2	.54	12	54	Rain
Worthing	1.6	.62	15	59	Rain
Littlehampton	2.6	.50	16	61	Rain
Bournemouth	2.7	.17	14	57	Rain pm
Hayling I	3.4	.06	15	59	Dull
Southsea	3.4	.05	15	59	Rain pm
Ryde	3.7	.01	15	59	Rain pm
Seaview	—	—	15	59	Dull
Shanklin	2.7	—	14	57	Dull
Ventnor	3.0	—	14	57	Cloudy
Bournemouth	2.1	—	16	61	Cloudy
Poole	2.9	—	16	61	Cloudy
Swanage	4.5	—	16	61	Cloudy
Weymouth	7.0	—	13	55	Bright am
Exmouth	4.7	—	16	61	Sunny pm
Falmouth	7.1	—	16	61	Sunny am
Newquay	7.0	—	13	55	Sunny am
Torquay	4.6	—	17	63	Sunny am
Falmouth	9.3	—	15	59	Sunny
Penzance	10.2	—	14	57	Sunny
Isles of Scilly	9.1	—	14	57	Cloudy
Jersey	5.6	—	15	59	Cloudy
WEST COAST					
Newquay	8.5	—	17	63	Bright
Morecambe	3.5	—	11	52	Dull pm
Southport	—	.17	13	55	Rain pm
Morecambe	—	.41	16	61	Rain
Douglas	2.0	.04	14	57	Rain pm
WALES					
Prestatyn	—	—	11	52	Drizzle pm
Colwyn Bay	—	.02	12	54	Dull
Tenby	6.2	—	15	59	Cloudy
Cardiff	6.4	—	15	59	Sunny am
Anglesey	4.6	—	15	59	Bright am
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	—	.28	10	50	Rain
Prestwick	—	.02	12	54	Rain pm
Glasgow	1.3	.08	12	54	Rain
Tiree	1.5	—	16	61	Rain pm
Stornoway	11.3	—	11	52	Sunny
Lerwick	2.8	—	9	48	Fog am
Wick	9.0	—	10	50	Cloudy
Kinloss	3.9	—	12	54	Dull
Aberdeen	1.0	—	12	54	Cloudy
St. Andrews	0.5	.08	11	52	Rain
Edinburgh	1.0	.11	10	50	Rain
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	0.5	—	14	57	Cloudy

LONDON READINGS

From 6 pm Monday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 7C (45F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 21C (52F). Total period: sunshine, nil; rainfall, 0.38in.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 6 pm Monday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp, 8C (46F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp, 12C (54F). Total period: sunshine, nil; rainfall, 0.37in.

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility, when rising; maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

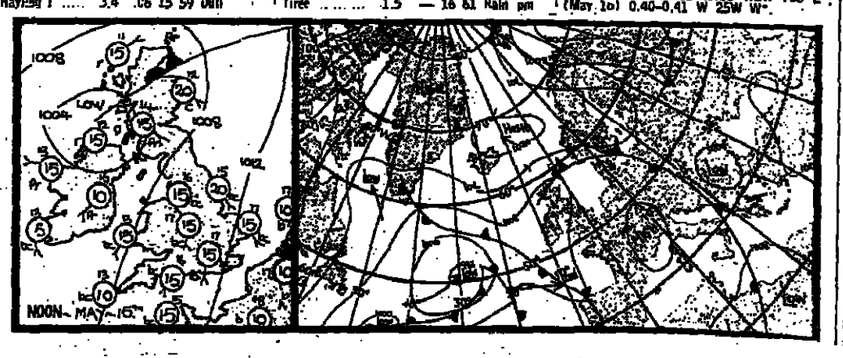
London

Cosmos 1514R: 22.14–22.18 W 30SSW S: Cosmos 1858R: 22.14–22.21 SW 60NNW NE: 23.56–0.01 WNW 20NNW NNE: (May 16) 1.38–1.41 NNW 15N NNE.
Cosmos 546R: 23.03–23.08 WSW 70S E: (May 16) 0.40–0.41 W 25W W.

Cosmos 1400R: 23.07–23.12 NNE 20ENE E: (May 16) 0.45–0.50 NNW 55W SW: Satyut 7: 21.55–22.00 WSW 70ESE E: 23.31–23.34 W 75W E.

Manchester

Cosmos 1514R: 22.14–22.18 W 30SW S: Cosmos 1858R: 22.14–22.21 SW 60NNW NE: 23.55–0.01 W 25NNW NNE: (May 16) 1.37–1.41 NW 15N NNE.
Cosmos 546R: 22.54–22.58 W 10W WSW: ESE: (May 16) 0.40–0.41 WSW 45SSE
Cosmos 1400R: 23.03–23.08 WSW 45SSE WSW: (May 16) 0.44–0.50 NNW 60NNW SSW: Satyut 7: 21.55–22.00 WSW 40SE E: 23.30–23.34 W 60SSE ESE.



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